ASSOCIATION NOTES

KISTNA BRANCH—Monthly meeting held on 29-7-44:

The President of the Association, Dr. A. L. Anantha Narayana Iyer having tendered his resignation, Dr. M. Seshacharyulu, Vice-President, was proposed to the chair.

It was resolved to press the need for reconstruction of special fuel permit to members of the Association to the Collector by deputation formed to wait on him.

Resolved to drop the name of Dr. P. S. Chalapati Rao from the list of 3 names of representatives previously forwarded to the Central Office.

Dr. P. Gurumurty of Rajahmundry was nominated President and Dr. M. V. Krishna Rau, Bhimavaram, Dr. V. Venkatarathnam, Ellore, and Dr. K. V. Subba Rao, Masulipatam, Vice-Presidents of the Andhra Provincial Branch, I.M.A., for 1944-45.

The following resolutions were then passed.

Resolved that this Association records its protest against the high-handed action of the Ex-President, Dr. A. L. Anantha Narayana Iyer, D.M.O., in abruptly dissolving the general body meeting on 24-6-44 without any justifiable cause and also in not allowing the members to have "Tea" in the hospital compound, simply because he failed in his attempt to persuade members to "disaffiliate" this branch from the I.M.A.

Resolved that the above resolution be communicated to Dr. A. L. Anantha Narayana Iyer and to the Provincial Council, I.M.A.

This Association requests the Government of Madras to start from the beginning of the next academic year a medical college in Masulipatam and another in the ceded Districts in view of the recommendation of the Special Committee to open more medical colleges in the provinces.

This Association resolved to send a deputation to request the Collector, Kistna, to make arrangements so that certain necessities will be within the easy reach of mofussil patients who come for treatment in this town. The articles are kerosene, fuel and rationed food commodities.

U.P. PROVINCIAL BRANCH—Meeting of the Working Committee of the U.P. Provincial Council of the Indian Medical Association held on 27-8-1944 with Rai Sahib Captain A. P. Misir, President, in the chair.

Proceedings of the Working Committee meeting held at Lucknow on 26-7-44 were confirmed.

The Secretary reported that report of the representatives of the I.M.A. who appeared before the Health Survey and Development Committee had been received from Capt. K. P. Bagchi (Agra) and Captain H. N. Shivapuri (Lucknow) but no report had so far been received from the third representative Dr. Jairaj Bihari (Allahabad), although he had been requested to either attend this meeting in person or send the report in writing.

The Reports of the two representatives at Agra and Lucknow were read. The Committee decided to record the reports and thank the two members for their evidence. The President and the Working Committee regret that Dr. Jairaj Bihari had so far not sent any report about his evidence in Allahabad and requests him to send the same at an early date.

The Secretary laid the results of final voting for election of Provincial President and 3 Vice-Presidents for 1944-45 before the Working Committee. The Working Committee decided to refer them to the Provincial Council for final approval.

The Secretary laid before the Working Committe the opinion received from the Branches on the question of surcharge of Re. 1 per member per year. All the opinions received were in favour of the surcharge except one small Branch. The Working Committee is unanimously in favour of the surcharge and recommends to the Provincial Council to finally adopt it and apply it to all Branches, which constitute this Provincial Branch with effect from the New Financial Year, *i.e.*, October 1, 1944.

The Secretary laid before the Working Committee the opinion received from the Branches *re.* amendments to the Provincial Rules. All those Branches which had sent their opinion on this question were unanimously in favour of adoption of these amendments except one Branch, which had sent a few alternative suggestions. These were considered, but the Working Committee agreed unanimously with the original draft as approved by a large majority of Branches, and recommended to the Provincial Council to finally approve the amendments and to bring them into force with effect from October 1, 1944.

The Secretary informed the Working Committee that as directed by the last meeting it has been agreed upon by all concerned that the next (Xth) U.P. Provincial Medical Conference will take place at Jhansi on October 28 and 29, 1944. The Organising Secretary of the Conference is Dr. C. Bhargava, Sipri Road, Jhansi (U.P.).

The following sub-committee was appointed to frame resolutions for the next conference:—1. Dr. Hans Raj, 2. Dr. A. J. Faridi and 3. Dr. H. N. Shivapuri, Convener.

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The following circular dated 5-9-44 was issued by the Hony. Provincial Secretary to Secretaries of all U.P. Branches:

You are aware that elections are being held this year to all Local Municipal and District Boards in these Provinces.

At this juncture I had approached the Local Government with the request to consider the claims of medical men for representation, particularly on the Health Committees of the Boards and had referred to the resolution on the subject passed at the All-India Medical Conference held at Patna in April, 1943.

The following is the reply received from the Government which speaks for itself, and I am circulating it to you all for general information.

Municipal Deptt.—"With reference to your letter No. 629|59|43-44, dated July 18, 1944, requesting for the representation of the medical profession on all the municipal boards in the United Provinces, I am directed to say that the Governor regrets that it is not possible to accede to the request."

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Meeting of the U. P. Provincial Branch Council held on 27-8-44 with Rai Sahib Captain A. P. Misir, I.M.D. (RETD.), President, in the chair:

Proceedings of the last meeting of the Provincial Council held on 6-2-44 were confirmed.

The Secretary placed the final results of voting for Provincial President and 3 Vice-Presidents for 1944-45 before the meeting. The council declared the following as elected:—

President:—Rai Bahadur Dr. B. N. Vyas, M.B. of Lucknow.
Vice-Presidents:—Dr. Miss B. Thungamma, M.B., F.R.C.S.E., of Benares; Dr. Durga Pershad, M.B., B.S. of Dehra Dun and Dr. T. C. Basu Chowdhuri, L.S.M.F., L.O. of Agra.

The Secretary laid before the Council the recommendation of the Working Committee as also the opinion of the Branches in U.P. re: Question of Surcharge of Re. 1 per member per year. The Council unanimously approved the recommendation of the Working Committee and passed the surcharge. Every member in U.P. will pay Re. 1 extra per year along with his C.F.C. This amount will be payable by the Branches along with the C.F.C. for all members of the Branch. This will be brought into effect on the I.M.A., New Year, *i.e.*, October 1, 1944. And all Branches under this Provincial Branch are requested to take note of this and send the extra amount along with the C.F.C. of the Branch.

Amendments to Provincial Rules—The Secretary placed before the Council the recommendation of the Provincial Working Committee on this subject. The Provincial Council agreeing with the opinion of the Working Committee decided that the amended rules be brought into force with effect from October 1, 1944.

The Secretary read out the Central Office Circular No. F.V|43-44 dated 15th August, 1944. The Council decided to vote finally for All-India President and 3 Vice-Presidents for 1944-45 as follows:—

President:—Dr. Jivraj Mehta, M.D., of Bombay. Vice-Presidents:—(1) Captain S. K. Chowdhuri, B.A., M.B., M.B.E., of Benares. (2) Dr. C. C. Ghosh of Peshawar. (3) Dr. K. N. Waghray of Hyderabad, Deccan.

The members were entertained to an excellent tea party by Dr. S. C. Sen.

BARABANKI MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—Meeting held on 23-8-44 with Capt. U. Sinha Gupta, President, in the chair:

The house nominated R.B. Dr. B. N. Vyas as President of U. P. Provincial Branch for 1944-45 and Dr. (Miss) B.

Thungamma (Benares) and Dr. T. C. Basu Chowdhuri (Agra) as Vice-Presidents.

Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta (Bombay) was nominated President and Dr. Abdul Samad, R.B. Dr. J. P. Modi and Capt. K. P. Bagchi (Agra) Vice-Presidents of the I.M.A. for 1944-45.

BERHAMPORE BRANCH—Meeting held on 30-8-44:

Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta of Bombay was nominated President; and Capt. P. B. Mukerji of Calcutta, Drs. U. B. Narayana Rao of Bombay and M. Rama Rao of Madras, Vice-Presidens of the I.M.A., for 1944-45.

Resolved to request the Government to insist upon the licensed medical dealers not to sell poisonous or rationed drugs, such as N.A.B. and M. & B. 693, glucose etc., to the public without a prescription from a registered medical practitioner.

BARISAL MEDICAL UNION—8th Annual General Meeting held on 27-8-44 at 6 p.m. in the Aryya Laksmi Bhaban with Dr. M. L. Ghose in the chair:

Proceedings of the last Annual (7th) General Meeting were read and confirmed. The report for the year 1943-44 was adopted unanimously.

The Secretary read the letter of the Jt. Hony. Secy. of Bengal Provincial Branch of I.M.A., dated 23-8-44 in which it was pointed out that owing to the present transport difficulties the Provincial Council thought it likely that very few members would be able to attend the Bengal Provincial Medical Conference if it were held at Barisal this year, and the Council decided to hold the Conference at Howrah. But the Council very much appreciated the invitation made by the Barisal Medical Union and hoped to hold the Conference here next year.

Dr. S. C. Roy then proposed to hold a District Medical Conference here and after discussion the following resolution was passed:—"Whereas we feel the necessity of having a direct contact with all the registered medical practitioners of the District at this critical hour, be it resolved that an attempt be made to hold a District Medical Conference at a suitable place within the District and a Sub-Committee be formed to make necessary preliminary arrangements and to report to the General Committee by the middle of October, 1944."

Mr. D. M. Sen, Mr. P. L. Rai and Mr. C. H. Nath, among those present, made few speeches appreciating the services rendered by the Union during the last crisis and epidemics and wished the Union a bright future.

The meeting then adjourned and light refreshments to those present were served. After that, as the election for the year, 1944-45 was to take place, non-members left the hall with the permission of the President, and the President declared the meeting re-opened.

The following office-bearers were elected:—*President*—Dr. A Sen, Civil Surgeon. *Vice-President*—Dr. J. N. Dutt. *Hony. Secretary*—Dr. D. K. Banerjee. *Jt. Hony. Secy.*—Dr. S. K. Sen Gupta. *Members of the Executive Committee*—Drs. C. R. Basu, M. L. Ghose, S. K. Gupta, Miss S. Sinha, Sudhir Kr. Sen Gupta, H. C. Biswas. A. K. Ghose, S. R. Sen and S. C. Roy. *Treasurer*—Dr. A. K. Ghose. *Auditor*—Dr. C. R. Gupta. *Representatives to I.M.A.*—Central—Dr. D. Sen Gupta, Provincial—Dr. R. Bhattacharjee, Dr. B. Gupta.

Dr. N. N. Bhattacharjee was finally selected as the President of the Bengal Provincial Branch, Drs. B. B. Hazra, N. K. Munshi and A. D. Mukherji as Vice-Presidents, Drs. K. K. Sen Gupta and Dr. Gouri Sankar Mukherjee as Secretaries, Drs. Ranajit Sinha and Manindra Chandra Rai Chaudhury as Assistant Secretaries and Dr. Amiya Kumar Bose as Treasurer.

Dr. S. C. Roy then suggested few measures for raising funds for rendering medical relief to the distressed and sick people of the district and after discussion it was resolved that a public meeting be immediately called in A. K. Hall to devise ways and means to collect funds to meet the expenses of the project under the auspices of the Barisal Medical Union.

BENGAL PROVINCIAL BRANCH—Meeting of the Bengal Provincial Council held on 21-8-44 with Lt. Col. J. C. De in the chair:

Barisal and Howrah Branches extended their invitations to hold the next Bengal Provincial Medical Conference. The invitation of Howrah Branch was accepted.

The report of the Bengal Medical Relief Committee was placed before the house. After some discussion the Council referred back item No. 5 of the report re: election of a representative to the B.M.R.C.C., to the said Committee for reconsideration.

A letter dated 28-7-44 from the Hony. General Secretary, I.M.A. re: election of a representative to the "Services Committee" of the I.M.A. (Central) was considered. Dr. B. P. Tribedi was elected a representative of this Provincial Council to the said "Services Committee".

The position of certain defaulting branches which are in arrears for the last three years was considered. After some discussion, it was decided that a last circular be sent explaining the position that unless all arrears up to September '43 are paid immediately latest by 15th September, 1944, the Council regrets that according to rule 13B(b) of the I.M.A. (Central) and the circular of the General Secretary dated 19-6-44, there will be no other alternative than to declare the branch as defunct and the Central Office will be asked to stop issuing of journals to all members of the branches in arrears for more than 3 years.

A letter dated 10-8-44 from the Dy. Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal (Medical Branch) was placed before the house. It was decided that a reply be sent explaining that an objection was raised with respect to the wording of the advertisement which might preclude the possibility of many candidates applying for the post.

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A special meeting of the Bengal Provincial Council held on 11-9-44 with Dr. Aghore Nath Ghosh in the chair:

Resolved that the following members be finally nominated President and Vice-Presidents of the I.M.A. for the next year: *President*—Dr. Subodh Datta (Calcutta), *Vice-Presidents*—Drs. Panchanan Chatterjee (Calcutta), A. Latiff Sayeed (Hyderabad-Dn.), Bireswar Mitra (Calcutta).

JAIPUR MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—Meeting held on 12-8-44 at 9 p.m. with the President, Dr. Jwala Prosad, M.A., M.B., in the chair:

It was resolved to elect H. H. The Maharaja Sahib Bahadur Jaipur as Patron and Sir Mirza Md. Ismail, Prime Minister, and Dr. J. F. Robinson, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.A.C.S., Director of Medical Service, as Vice-Patrons of J.M.A.

I.M.A., CENTRAL COUNCIL—Issuing of Medical Certificates and D. I Rules.

The following circular No. C-33 dated 19-6-44 on the subject was issued by the Hony. General Secretary, I.M.A., to all the branches of the Indian Medical Association and is being published with a view to draw the attention of all members to the same. It is requested that the Head Quarters may be put in possession of fullest informations in case any member has experienced any difficulty in the matter.

Dear Sir, I am informed that doctors are being harassed and put to difficulties for issuing medical certificates,—even if it is issued as recommendation for leave for a day,—by the application of the Defence of India Rules.

I am issuing this circular to all the branches with a view to gather information as to whether any of our colleagues in any branch had, on any occasion, to face such difficulties with details of circumstantial evidences, if any, for placing the whole matter before the Working Committee.

An early reply will be very much appreciated. Yours etc.

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Re. Counter-signature of medical certificates:

The following letter (No. F. 18-1/43-H) dated New Delhi, the 29th September, 1944, from Rao Sahib J. A. Limaye, B.A. (HONS.), Under-Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education, Health & Lands to the Hony. General Secretary, I.M.A. is published for general information:

Sir, With reference to your letter No. GS/752/43-44 dated the 24th May, 1944, I am directed to say that the Government of India already bears the charges, where payment has to be made for the production by Central Government servants of medical certificates (including the countersignature of initial medical certificate) for purposes of leave. As regards the association of the medical practitioner granting the initial certificate with the authority who is required to furnish second medical opinion, the matter is under consideration. I have etc.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

TRICHY DT. MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting held in the premises of the E. R. High School, on 24-9-44 with Dr. T. V. S. Shastry in the chair:

The president drew the attention of the members to the question of abolition of the Government School of Indian Medicine or the emancipation of the institution into a research type of institute.

Dr. N. C. Subrahmanyam demonstrated a clinical case of kala azar with liver enlarged to two fingers below the umbilicus shrunk to just below the coastal margin with two courses of urea stibamine. Incidentally, Dr. Shastry mentioned that Trichy was an endemic area for K. A. and reported a few cases treated by him.

Dr. N. C. Subrahmanyam demonstrated a few skiagrams showing the effect of operative thoracoscopy and cauterisation of adhesions as also a few skiagrams of eosinophilic lung and cyst lung.

Dr. N. Ramanathan of Tanjore gave an interesting talk on the pharmacology and therapeutics of sulphonamides. He dealt at length with the 8 groups of sulphur compounds and pointed out the value of sulphathiazole over sulphaguanidine in a few cases of gastrointestinal disturbance. He also stressed the harmlessness of sulphur compounds, sulphur-containing food and dehydration in sulphonamide therapy thus indicating the great advantage of sulpha-chemotherapy in head injuries where exhibition of sulpha drug and dehydration are both necessary.

He pointed out the tendency of crystallisation of the drug in the urinary tract when quinine and sulfanilamide are given simultaneously, mepacrine being inocuous under similar circumstances.

A case of M. & B. rash in a child convalescing from measles was cited.

He discussed at length the toxic effects of sulphanilamide therapy which manifest as follows: mild anorexia, nausea, vomiting, dyspnœa, mild cyanosis. Therapy need not be stopped.

Grave toxic effects; Profuse cyanosis, pallor, hæmaturia, oliguria, anuria and agranulocytosis the last of which can only be diagnosed by a blood WBC count.

Oliguria can be treated with urethral catheterisation and intravenous 4·8 per cent soda acetate in 10 per cent glucose in drip transfusion.

He mentioned the usefulness of sulpha drugs to the surgeon as prophylactic and as therapeutic agent by way of dusting wounds, jelly, emulsion, celluloid membrane, impregnated gauze, insufflation, etc.

He stressed the importance of adequate fluids during therapy, adequate dosage, and the knowledge of when to stop. He quoted an author who remarked that one should be bold in its use but never too bold.

The meeting terminated after the usual vote of thanks when, proposed by the chairman, the following resolution was passed *nem con:*—

"This Association calls upon the Governmet of Madras to reopen the Government School of Indian Medicine early and to see that it is organised in a more efficient manner and fitted with resources to carry on Research."

CALCUTTA BRANCH—Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 1-8-1944 at the Association Hall with Dr. K. K. Sen Gupta in the chair:

A memo No. 4110 PRA dated the 30th June, 1944, from the Provincial Rationing Authority, Bengal, forwarding a copy of the memorandum dated the 24th May, 1944, from the Dy. Secretary to the Govt of India, War Transport Department, New Delhi, was considered.

The Committee endorsed the idea of formation of a local *ad hoc* advisory committee, as suggested by the Govt. of India, and the Secretary was authorised to intimate to the P.R.A., Bengal, accordingly.

SEWAN BRANCH—Meeting held on 8-8-1944 in the premises of Dr. Miss P. Momin:

Considered Res. No. VII from the proceedings of the flood relief committee meeting held on 26-6-44 forwarded in S.D.O. Sewan memo no. 3749 dated 28-6-44 and resolved that the members of the association will be willing to volunteer their services when required.

Prof. B. N. Prasad was elected President and Khan Saheeb Dr. Md. Haseeb, Rai Saheb Dr. A. K. Ghosh, and Dr. U. P. Gupta Sinha, Vice-Presidents, of the Bihar Provincial Branch, Patna.

PILIBHIT BRANCH—Meeting held in the Civil Surgeon's office on 28-6-44:

The meeting started with the speech of Major R. B. Dr. Lekh Raj Singh on the privileges and benefits for medical men especially licentiates in joining the I.A.M.C. He emphatically mentioned that it was a golden opportunity for the licentiates to build their careers and serve themselves, their class and their country and their Crown. In the end he suggested that the licentiates should join military services in great numbers.

A minute's silence was observed at the sad demise of three members of the I.M.A. and it was prayed that the souls of the deceased may be bestowed eternal peace.

Next the I. G's objection regarding higher charges by the medical men was taken and it was unanimously resolved "The prices of the drugs supplied by various firms is nearly three times as high as in pre-war days. The price permitted in district hospitals was -|1|- per dose and it was charged in pre-war days when the prices were very low, *i.e.*, the cost price of the medicines to be charged. As such the prices of medicines charged by the private practitioners who have to support their whole families on their practice only in these hard days when the price of medicines are extraordinarily high and in the country like India where there is no system of consulting fee the charges that they make are not in the least high. Inspite of this a chemist caters for the needs of so many doctors while a doctor caters for his needs only. He has to examine and do daily consultation with the patients without any fee. A chemist will only make the prescription or sell a certain medicine without any advice unless advised by the medical men." The Secretary stated that he personally knew several instances where the chemists charge prohibitive prices. Some prescriptions which were being dispensed in the local market at nominal charges were dispensed at exhorbitant charges in Lucknow and bigger cities.

Regarding Bengal Relief Fund it was suggested that a practical help could be given if the medicines were sent to every district where arrangement for their service and their accommodation could be made by the members rather than sending money to Bengal the fate of which cannot be determined. The I.M.A. branch Pilibhit is prepared to accommodate for 20 deserving needly men if they are sent here.

Re. Selection of Vaids and Hakims for the posts of Health Assistants it was resolved that it was sometimes very difficult even for qualified doctors to understand fully the principles of hygiene. It was totally useless and nothing good could ever be expected from selection of Vaids and Hakims at the posts of Health Assistants. They could not even do the inoculation work properly and any mistake from their side would excite a lack of confidence in the minds of the public who would refuse taking any work from them. As such the selection of Vaids and Hakims for Health Assistants would be a failure in carrying out Health Scheme Work.

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Meeting held in the Civil Surgeon's office under the presidentship of Major S. S. Gupta on 21-8-44:

A resolution showing resentment about the method adopted by the District authorities for the realisation of donations to the War Fund from medical practitioners was unanimously passed.

Resolution for the supply of kerosene oil to medical practitioners for their own use in private practice was unanimously adopted. It was decided to approach the District Supply Officer for monthly permit to doctors as it was most difficult to obtain daily requirements of kerosene oil from local retail dealers.

It was decided that the President would write a demi-official letter to R.B. Dr. A. N. Das for the supply of mepacrine to medical practitioners.

GORAKHPUR BRANCH—Meeting held on 10-9-44 at Dr. Lahiri's residence under the presidentship of Dr. Rai Bahadur J. N. Srivastava:

Dr. K. N. Lahiri and Dr. K. N. Srivastava were elected as delegates to the All-India Medical Conference to be held at Cawnpore.

The branch nominated Dr. Jivraj Mehta as President and Capt. S. K. Chawdhri, Benares, Dr. Waghrey, Hyderabad-Deccan, and Dr. Abdus Samad, Cawnpore, as Vice-Presidents of the Indian Medical Association for 1944-45.

After the meeting a dinner was given by Dr. K. N. Lahiri.

GULBARGA BRANCH—Meeting held at the Civil Hospital on 24-9-44:

The following condolence resolution was passed:

The Gulbarga Branch of the Indian Medical Association painfully records its deep sense of sorrow at the untimely death of its member, Dr. K. M. Rudrapa, L.M. & S., D.P.H., L.C.P.S., Assistant Health Officer, Gulbarga District, and expresses its heartfelt sorrow and sympathy to the widow and other members of the deceased's family.

BARODA MEDICAL UNION—At the Annual Meeting held on 1-10-44 the following office-bearers were elected for the year 1944-45:

President—Dr. R. B. Chandrachud, F.R.C.S. (ENG.). Jt. Hony. Secretaries—Dr. G. S. Apte, M.B.B.S. and Dr. Miss R. Randive, M.P.L. Members of the Managing Committee—Dr. R. V. Patel, L.M. & S., D.T.M. (LIV.); Dr. S. P. Patel, M.B.B.S.; Dr. N. V. Pandit, M.B.B.S., D.P.H. (ENG.); Mrs. K. Patil, M.B.B.S., M.R.C.P.I.

POONA BRANCH—XV Annual Report from 1-10-1943 to 30-9-1944 as submitted by the Jt. Hony Secretaries:

The Managing Committee held 8 meetings. The General Body met on 10 occasions. The following medical subjects were discussed.

Dr. C. N. Chandrachud—(1) A review of A. P. treatment in pulmonary tuberculosis with demonstration of cases and x-ray plates.

Dr. K. C. Gharpure—(1) Four cases of vomiting due to (*a*) A swelling in the epigastrium. (*b*) Congenital pyloric stenosis. (*c*) Carcinoma of the stomach. (*d*) Achalasia gastrica. (2) T.B. Meningitis following (*a*) Intestinal colic. (*b*) Synovis knee-joint. (3) A case of endometroma simulating adenoma of the rectum.

Dr. D. G. Patwardhan—(1) Plasmocytoma of the conjunctiva. (2) Complete loss of vision cured by hamamelis and nux vomica (homœopathic). (3) X-ray plates of a patient injured in the eye, face and skull by a shot gun.

Dr. V. D. Sathaye—(1) Burn of the fundus oculi caused by seeing the solar eclipse. (2) Traumatic maculitis. (3) Traumatic optic neuritis.

Dr. P. L. Deshmukh—(1) Dangers and risks in A.P. treatment. (2) Typhoid in a diabetic developing ketosis.

Dr. R. D. Pendse—(1) A case of child developing T. B. meningitis.

The following special lectures were also arranged: Modern Treatment of Burns by Major Peet, R.A.M.C. Defence Mechanism in Malaria by Col. Sommerville, I.A.M.C. Recent Advances in the Treatment of Plague by Dr. P. M. Wagle. Some Diseases Common in Children by Dr. George Coelho. Prevention of Malaria by Dr. Vishwanathan.

Owing to the rationing restriction, considerable difficulty was experienced by the members in getting kerosene oil and sugar for their dispensaries and nursing homes. The Association represented the grievances to the authorties through the President and Vice-President, with the result that each member now gets one gallon of kerosene oil and five pounds of sugar per month. The Association also managed to receive some redress with regard to petrol ration to the members. It is evident that the success achieved in these matters including the quota of Quinine was mainly due to co-operative action, the Branch representing a large body of medical profession in Poona.

The most important event of the year was the free gift of a plot of land to our Branch by the Poona City Municipality, which deserves our sincere thanks. This gift was really due to the untiring work of Dr. Dhamdhere for the last so many years and we take this opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation for the services he has rendered to the Branch of which he is one of the foundation members.

The total number of members is now 124. During the year 13 members were enrolled and 3 resigned.

The Circulating Library is working satisfactorily, but the receipt of foreign journals is still very irregular.

Lastly, we thank the Poona Seva Sadan Society, for the courtesy in allowing us the use of their premises for our meetings and the office of the Branch.

XXI ALL-INDIA MEDICAL CONFERENCE, CAWNPORE

XXI All-India Medical Conference will be held at Cawnpore on the 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th December, 1944, in D. A. V. College, Civil Lines, Cawnpore.

The Reception Committee, XXI All-India Medical Conference, Cawnpore, invites all medical practitioners.

It is proposed to hold in connection with the Conference the following:—

An *Open Session of the Conference* where matters of vital interest to the profession will be discussed. Members and delegates who intend to move resolutions at the Conference should send a copy of the same to the Honorary Organising Secretary, Reception Committee, XXI All-India Medical Conference, The Mall, Cawnpore, so as to reach him not later than December 10, 1944, with copies to the Hony. General Secretary, Indian Medical Association.

Scientific Meeting—The average reading time of a paper shall not exceed fifteen minutes. A copy of the paper should reach the Scientific Secretary by the 15th December, 1944. Papers read at the Conference shall not be read elsewhere or published other than in the Journal of the Indian Medical Association at the discretion of the Editor.

Exhibition of Pharmaceutical preparations, specialities, surgical instruments and appliances, etc., Manufacturers of such preparations, instruments and appliances or their representatives are requested to take part in the exhibition. Plans can be had from the Exihibition Secretary. The rent of stall for the whole session is Rs. 100/-. Special efforts are being made to enhance the educative and informative value of the exhibition.

Members and delegates who desire to attend the Conference are particularly requested to intimate the dates and time of their arrival at Cawnpore Central at least two weeks before the Conference meets and if any special arrangements are to be made for them.

The climate of Cawnpore is fairly cold during Christmas so the visitors and delegates are requested to provide themselves with warm clothes, bedding and at least two blankets.

Board and Lodging—Arrangements for boarding and lodging of the delegates and the visitors have been made in the D. A. V. College Hostel opposite the College but rooms can be reserved for them in hotels on previous intimation and payment of charges at least 15 days in *advance*. They are also requested to intimate whether they would like vegetarian or non-vegetarian menu. The following are the average charges:—Orient Hotel (European Style), Rs. 8/- per diem. Sharma Hotel (Indian Vegetarian), Rs. 3/- per diem.

S. N. SAXENA
Honorary Organising Secretary,
XXI All-India Medical Conference, Cawnpore.

TEMPLE OF SERVICE
The Mall, Cawnpore

ASSOCIATION NOTES

ASANSOL BRANCH—Meeting held on 10-9-44 with Dr. B. Gupta in the Chair:

The Branch nominated the office-bearers of the Bengal Branch of Indian Medical Association and also the President and Vice-Presidents of Indian Medical Association (Central) for 1944-45.

The Quinine Rationing Authority, Burdwan, in his memo No. 657 dated 14-8-43 informed the Secretary of the branch that adequate supplies of cinchona products and mepacrine tablets would be supplied from the local Sub-Jail at Asansol to the members of the Association.

The District Casualty Officer, Burdwan (Asansol), informed the Secretary of this branch in his letter No. D. C. 88 A.R.P., D.C. dated 2-9-44 that 3 milk canteens had been opened at 3 First Aid Posts at Asansol from where milk would be supplied free to the deserving persons, children, nursing mothers and sick people on production of a certificate from a Registered Medical Practitioner.

GUNTUR BRANCH—Annual General Body Meeting convened at Guntur on 7-10-1944 with Dr. Ch. S. John, M.B.B.S., in the chair:

Secretary's Annual Report and statement of accounts which showed a credit balance of Rs. 1,047-1-3 were adopted unanimously.

The following office-bearers were elected unanimously for 1944-45: *President*—Dr. Ch. S. John, *Vice-President*—Dr. P. H. Vital Rao, *Hony. Secretary*—Dr. G. V. Hanumantharao, *Hony. Jt. Secretary*—Dr. P. Subrahmaniam, Six members were elected on the Managing Committee.

20 members were elected delegates to Cocanada Andhra Conference of 1944.

Representatives to the Central Council, I.M.A.—Drs. P. Veeraiah Choudary, T. Chidanandam.

Representative to the Andhra Provincial Branch Council—Drs. G. V. Hanumantharao, P. Subrahmaniam, J. V. Krishnarao, V. R. Sarma.

Resolved to propose that the Guntur Town Medical Association be amalgamated with the Guntur Branch I.M.A. in the best interests of the Medical Profession as a whole at Guntur.

Resolved to appeal to members of the medical profession to donate liberally to the building fund of the Guntur Medical Club to raise a suitable building at an early date.

BETTIAH BRANCH—Meeting of medical practitioners of Bettiah held on 30-9-44 to meet Dr. Tripathy at Dr. R. L. Banerjee's place with Dr. Miss P. Nayar in the chair:

Resolved that a Bettiah Branch of the Indian Medical Association be formed with the following office-bearers with powers to co-opt—*President*—Dr. I. E. Banner. *Vice-Presidents*—Rai Sahib Dr. N. C. Sinha, Drs. R. L. Banerjee and H. C. Laheri. *Secretary*—Dr. R. C. Roy. *Joint Secretary*—Dr. R. C. Roy. *Joint Secretary*—Drs. P. Nayar and M. Ahmed. *Treasurer*—Dr. T. Rao. *Auditor*—Dr. S. P. Choudhury. *Members of the Executive Committee*—Drs. K. Kashbakar and T. K. Majumdar.

A sum of Rs. 5|- was fixed as the annual subscription per year for each member.

Dr. R. L. Banerjee entertained the guests with tea and light refreshment.

ONGOLE BRANCH—First meeting held on 30-7-44 convened by Dr. G. Raghavacharya, M.B.B.S. with the object of forming the Ongole branch of the Indian Medical Association with Dr. A. G. Boggs, M.D. in the chair:

It was resolved to form the Ongole branch of the Indian Medical Association membership being open to the medical practitioners of Ongole town and taluk.

The following office-bearers were elected for the current year: *President*—Dr. A. G. Boggs, M.D. *Vice-President*—Dr. C. Ramkrishna, L.M.S. *General Secretary and Treasurer*—Dr. G. Raghavacharya, M.B.B.S.

The Secretary was authorised to communicate the proceedings to the Andhra Provincial Branch of the I.M.A. and take necessary steps for the recognition of the branch by the Central I.M.A.

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Second meeting held in the premises of the Clouch Memorial Hospital, Ongole, with Dr. A. G. Boggs in the chair:

After the minutes of the last meeting were read by the Secretary and passed unanimously it was resolved to fix the annual subscription for the members as Rs. 12|-. There were altogether twelve members present including two ladies and a nice tea party was got up by the staff of the Clouch Memorial Hospital.

Dr. A. G. Boggs presented a case of Supracondylar fracture and dealt with its treatment in detail. There was some discussion among the members about various aspects of the treatment. Then Dr. R. N. Stoven, M.D., read an interesting paper on the principles of treatment of pulmonary tuberculosis. He traced the evolution of artificial pneumothorax treatment from the time of Hippocrates and dealt with in detail about the indications and contraindications for A. P. treatment and its techinique. Then he showed a number of x-ray films of patients undergoing A. P. treatment and demonstrated the technique on a patient suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis.

Then the members went round the wards of the hospital where some interesting cases were shown. One of them was a case of cholecystitis in a young man of 25 years who was operated upon and the gall bladder containing a number of small stones was removed. Another case was also one of cholecystitis. Two other cases were those of acute appendicitis admitted after the formation of a big lump in the right iliac fossa. There was a discussion in which the members took part.

MONGHYR BRANCH—9th Annual General Meeting held on 3-10-44 at the residence of Dr. M. N. Verma under the presidentship of Rai Bahadur Dr. K. P. Mitra:

The Annual report was read by the Secretary.

There were 33 members on roll during the year 1943-44.

It was decided that (*a*) notices for the monthly meetings to the Moffusil members should be issued regularly at least 7 days prior to the date fixed for the meeting, and (*b*) efforts should be made by a member in each sub-division to enlist other medical men as members of the Association.

The following members were given the charge of organisation in this direction: Dr. J. M. Gupta, for the Sadar, Dr. B. B. Bose for Jamui and Lakhisarai areas. Dr. B. B. Bose will kindly write to the medical men in the Khagaria sub-division and Dr. L. Karim, Health Officer, Monghyr, will please meet the doctors when he is out on tour and try to enlist the doctors in Begusarai and Khagaria areas.

The following office-bearers were re-elected for the year 1944-45: *President*—Rai Bahadur Dr. K. P. Mitra. *Vice-Presidents*—Drs. B. B. Brahmachary, A. Rashid and G. P. Chatterjee. *Secretary*—Dr. M. N. Verma. *Joint Secretary*—Dr. A. C. Ghosh. *Treasurer*—Dr. B. G. Bose. *Auditor*—Dr. D. K. Dutta.

Dr. B. B. Bose of Lakhisarai and Dr. L. Karim, Health Officer, Monghyr, were elected Joint Secretaries in addition to Dr. A. C. Ghosh.

Resolved that each member should pay his income from medical profession and practice which he will earn on the 24th October, 1944, as contribution towards the Association Fund for the Association building and for the North Bihar Relief Fund—the proportion to be decided at the next monthly meeting. This contribution should reach the Secretary by the 31st October 1944 at the latest.

In his presidential speech Rai Bahadur Dr. K. P. Mitra expressed his grateful thanks to (1) the Secretary for his best services rendered regarding (*a*) increase of number of members on roll (from 20 to 33), (*b*) realisation of long standing arrears (from 1942 to 1944), and (*c*) other activities done (2) the Treasurer for his good services, and (3) the members for their honorary services in right time to save the public at the time of emergencies—cholera and flood relief during the year under report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1943-44:

The object of the association is to secure unity, harmony, and good-will amongst the members of the medical profession,

to safeguard their interest, to improve their prestige and position, and to serve humanity on humanitarian principles. We do take pride in saying that we have not lagged behind in trying our level best to achieve this noble object. I would like to relate here a few instances of the services which we have so far rendered. Only recently when a virulent type of cholera broke out in the town of Monghyr, the urban members of the association volunteered to render relief to the people and combat the dreadful pest at on inconsiderable financial loss to the members. People flocked in to have themselves inoculated against cholera by our members who so volunteered their services. It is an undisputable fact that their timely sesrvices went a long way towards saving lives and checking the spread of the fell disease. But for their services, Monghyr might have fared in all probability like some of the towns of North Bilar.

When the Chairman of the Monghyr Municipality failed to secure epidemic doctors for dearth of medical men, it is our association which could help him duly in time with two of its members of established practice who selflessly spared their whole time services for such small sum of allowance as did not cover more than conveyance charges actually incurred in rendering honest service.

At the request of the Civil Surgeon Monghyr, made on behalf of the local Flood Relief Committee, four of our members volunteered their honorary services for attending the flood stricken people in times of emergency.

The Municipality of Monghyr is singularly fortunate in having amongst its elected Commissioners two of our members who duly give their valuable suggestions and advice for the improvement of the sanitation and health of the town.

Accommodation—Suitable schemes are afoot to effect improvement and expansion in the present hall owned by the association.

Meetings—Altogether eight meetings were held during the year under report including three extra-ordinary ones called to hear (1) Dr. Sunder Rao, the Filaria Specialist, on Filaria (2) Dr. Sideshwar incharge of the Blood Bank, Patna, on Blood Bank and Blood Transfusion, and (3) Dr. Ramchandra Prasad Gupta, Civil Propaganda Officer for the recruitment to I.A.M.C. and Capt. B. Bagchi the Military Propaganda Officer, Patna. Moreover, illuminating papers on Blood Transfusion and some interesting surgical cases of the local hospital were read by Dr. P. N. Sinha the then Assistant Surgeon of Mongyr and Dr. Jugeshwar Prasad resjectively.

Charity and Relief Work—Handsome contributions were made by our members to the Bengal Medical Relief Fund, and efforts are being made to collect a decent amount for the North Behar Relief Fund in response to the appeal of the Hony. General Secretary, I.M.A., Calcutta.

HYDERABAD (DECCAN) BRANCH—At the Annual General Body Meeting held on 6-10-44 the following office-bearers were elected for the year 1944-45.

President—Dr. S. A. Rahman, M.B., CH.B. (EDIN), *Vice-President*—Dr. Mrs. S. Satwalkar, M.B.B.S., D.G.O., *Hony. Secy.*—Dr. S. Venkateswara Rao, M.D., *Joint Secy.*—Drs. P. Ramachander, M.D., B. G. Kirloskar, M.B.B.S., *Managing Committee*—Drs. M. Y. Tuberi, M.B.B.S., D.P.H., G. S. Malketa, L.M. & S., M. A. Hai, L.M. & S., Mrs. V. Ramachander, M.B.B.S., D.G.O., *Auditor*—Dr. P. Manikyaraju. *Representatives to Central Council under Rule 15 B(a)(i)*—Dr. Sayeed Yar Jang, M.B., CH.B. (EDIN.). Lt. Col. K. N. Waghray, M.B., M.R.C.P. (LOND.). Prof. S. A. Rahman, M.B., CH.B. (EDIN.). Dr. S. W. Hardikar. M.D., L.R.C.P. (EDIN.).

The general body approved the recommendation of the Working Committee and the Central Council to delete the last sentence in Para I of Rule No. 17-C(a) of the Rules of Indian Medical Association.

The general body was opposed to the following amendment of Rule 10-A(b) as proposed by Bengal Provincial Branch of I.M.A. "substitute the figure "12 in line 2 of Rule 10-A(b) by the figure 6". The Association feels that to reduce the subscription of the direct members will be a great obstacle to enrol members to the branches or to form new branches.

The following resolution of condolence was passed.

"The Association bereaves the death of Dr. Paknikar, Vice-President of Jalna Branch and Dr. Rudrappa, member of Gulbarga Branch, and authorises the Hony. Secretary to convey the resolution to the members of the bereaved families.

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The Study Circle met on 28-10-44 at Dr. G. K. Kirloskar's residence at 7 p.m. Major M. G. Naidu was in the chair. Major M. V. Krishnamurthi read a paper on Complications in Anti-syphilitic Treatment which was followed by a discussion.

JAIPUR BRANCH—Meeting held on 9-9-44 with Dr. Mohd. Saeed, M.B.B.S. in the chair:

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved that a representation be made to the Government of Jaipur through the Director Medical Services Jaipur State to put the medical men in a class by themselves distinct from the Chemists and Druggists in the matter of charging fees for purchasing or retailing Licence in view of the limited retail sale and purchase of drugs by the former as compared with the far more extensive and wholesale transactions of the latter.

The selection of President and Vice-President for the I.M.A. for 1944-45 was then made.

U. P. PROVINCIAL BRANCH—Annual report for 1943-44:

The Headquarters of the U. P. Provincial Branch continued to remain in Lucknow during the year.

Branches—At the end of last year we had 37 active Branches and five were more or less moribund *viz.*, Ballia, Banda, Etawah, Mainpuri and Jaunpur. Out of these the first three, have now been revived and there are signs of quickening from Jaunpur Branch. In addition to these new Branches have been opened this year at Shikohabad, Deoband and Fyzabad.

Members—The present membership stands at 896 members on 30th September 1944. This is an increase of 141 over last year's figures.

Meetings—There were three meetings of the Provincial Council including the Annual Meeting held at Gorakhpur and seven meetings of the Working Committee.

Conference Resolutions—The action taken on the resolutions passed by the U. P. Provincial Medical Conference held at Gorakhpur and the replies received have been added at the end of this report for general information.

General Remarks—The hand of death has been used sparingly this year but has taken away unfortunately one more of our Ex-presidents—Dr. Benarsi Das of Agra.

The Drug Control Order which was issued in November 1943 has since then undergone repeated changes. The fight put up by the U. P. Provincial Office of the I.M.A. and timely representations made by us resulted in good many improvements being effected in the Original Order. The Drug Control Order as it now stands is much less irksome, though not all that we wanted has been accepted.

The Government has now agreed to issue Mepacrine and Quinacrine in addition to Quinine to the profession at cheap rates. This will be of great help in fighting the scourge of malaria in the country.

The Government has pushed through another reactionary measure of theirs—the abolition of the representation of the Lucknow Branch from the Board of Management of King George's and Associated Hospitals, Lucknow, in spite of our repeated representations and protests. Such things are only possible under Section 93 Rule, that we have to endure these days.

The Health Survey & Development Committee has come and gone. We have to see the bonafides of the much boosted H. S. and D. Committee and see if they will do their duty to this country and we will further wait and see whether the report will be as still born as the U. P. Medical Reorganisation Committee 4 years ago, or will it result in any benefits to our people.

ACTION TAKEN ON RESOLUTIONS OF THE IX U. P. PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

Resolution 1. This Conference places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the sad demise of the following members and conveys its heartfelt sympathy.

Action taken with result—Copies sent to all concerned.

Resolution 2. This Conference notes with regret that the Health of the nation is deteriorating at a rapid rate and with the lack of proper and sufficient food and milk, the effect on the health of the rising generation is bound to be disastrous. This Conference recommends to the Government that a Provincial Committee on Nutrition and other problems of Health be appointed in consultation with the U. P. Branch of the Indian Medical Association at an early date in order to investigate the problems and make necessary recommendations. The Conference further draws the attention of the authorities to the importance of securing pure foodstuffs and stopping the menace of adulteration, which is so very common.

Action taken with result—Under the present circumstances it is not possible for the Government to appoint a Provincial Committee on nutrition and other problems of health. The subordinate officers of the Public Health Department have been asked to prepare the way for a nutrition organisation by propaganda in cities and rural areas.

Resolution 3. This Conference reiterates the following resolution passed at the All India Medical Conference at Patna and requests the Provincial Government to give effect to these recommendations at an early date:—

(*i*) That this Conference is of opinion that as each individual in this country has the right to obtain every type of medical service, preventive and curative, general and specialist, domiciliary and institutional, the State as well as various political parties in the country should devise ways and means to secure the same for him at an early date. This Conference also urges upon the Indian Medical Association, which must play an essential part in the preparation of what is the most important charter of health ever conceived for this nation, to render every assistance in their power towards the evolution and fruition of such a scheme.

Action taken with result—The resolution is too vague. Government therefore want to know as to what further medical amenities your Association wants to be provided for each individual in this country.

(*ii*) That in view of the difficulties caused by cuts in the basic ration and supplementary allowances of petrol, tubes and tyres issued to medical practitioners, this Conference is of opinion that withholding of petrol, tubes and tyres required by doctors for the discharge of essential services necessarily involving the use of a car, is causing untold hardship to the suffering public and is undesirable from the point of view of public health and recommends to the proper authorities that, by investigating individual complaints submitted through the local branches of the Indian Medical Association, proper steps be taken to ensure that legitimate claims are reasonably considered and just grievances promptly remedied. This Conference further requests the Government of India and Provincial Governments to issue fresh instructions to Provincial and Area Petrol Rationing Authorities for more liberal supply of petrol, tyres and tubes to the members of the profession in consultation with the local branches of the Indian Medical Association.

Action taken with result—This is the subject with which the Government of India is concerned and their orders have already been communicated to the Association.

Resolution 4. This Conference expresses its disappointment at the inadequate nature of the Health Insurance Scheme being drawn up at present by the Government of India. The Conference recommends that a comprehensive National Health Insurance Scheme should be drawn up as early as possible in consultation with the Indian Medical Association.

Action taken with result—No reply received.

Resolution 5. This Conference regrets to note that the U.P. Government has taken no action on the Report of the Medical Reorganisation Committee, although the report was issued nearly 2 years ago. The Conference demands that the Provincial Branch of the Indian Medical Assosciation should be consulted in any action that the Government takes in the matter.

Action taken with result—Action on some of the recommendations of the Medical Re-organisation Committee has already been taken. The request of the Association has, however, been noted and the matter will be considered further.

Resolution 6. This Conference notes with regret that adulterated drugs and drugs of inferior quality are being thrown into the market by various unscrupulous persons and firms. This is injurious to the patients. The Conference recommends that suitable steps be taken at an early date to stop manufacture and sale of such drugs and only properly tested and standardised drugs be placed on the market. It is suggested that a list of such spurious drugs be supplied to the Journal of the Indian Medical Association for publication.

Action taken with result—The matter is already receiving attention of the Government. A draft of the United Provinces Drugs Control Rules, 1944, has been issued under notification No. A-83/V-612-37, dated April 27, 1944, published in Part I—A. page 108 of the United Provinces Government Gazette dated May 6, 1944, Parts VII and VIII of the Appendix to these rules contain provisions to stop the manufacture and sale of adulterated drugs.

Resolution 7. This conference expresses its disappointment at the scheme brought out by the Government for the training of Compounders as it is expensive to the candidates and insufficient for the needs of the province. It is of opinion that the scheme be recast in consultation with the U. P. Branch of the Indian Medical Association.

Action taken with result—The Compounders Training Scheme is already under the consideration of the State Medical Faculty and the proposals made by the Faculty to amend the scheme will be considered by the Government.

Resolution 8. This Conference notes with regret that the U.P. Government refused to make necessary amendments to the U.P. Medical Council Act on the score of being busy with the prosecution of war, but amendments have been carried out to the State Medical Faculty and are being proposed to the Nurses and Midwives' Council Act. The Conference hopes that the necessary amendments to the Medical Council Act will not be delayed any longer.

Action taken with result—It is not possible to take any action unless it is known as to what specific amendments the Association wants to make in the United Provinces Medical Council Act.

Resolution 9. This Conference is of opinion that the Medical profession should be adequately represented on

(*i*) The Managing Committees, Governing Bodies or the Boards of Managements of all Hospitals managed by State or Local Bodies, including the teaching hospitals in their areas;

(*ii*) The Railway Advisory Boards and any other Committees dealing with Public Health;

(*iii*) The Red Cross Societies; and

(*iv*) The Health Committees of their local areas.

This Conference requests the Provincial Government and other authorities to make necessary amendments in the existing Statutes and Rules framed thereunder, if necessary, so as to secure such representation through the branches of the Indian Medical Association.

Action taken with result—The question was considered before and Government is not prepared to reconsider it again.

Resolutions 10 and 11. Thanksgiving Resolutions.

Action taken with result—Copies sent to parties concerned.

SHOLAPUR BRANCH—Annual Report for 1943-44:

Meetings—5 clinical meetings as follows were held:

1. Dr. B. V. Mulay—Clinical Manifestations of Chronic Septic Toxæmia.
2. Dr. M. D. Jadhav—Endocrines in Midwifery and Gynæcology.
3. Dr. S. B. Lele—Scope of Clinical Pathology in Diagnosis and Treatment.
4. Dr. K. V. Joshi—Some Interesting Cases I have met with in Practice.
5. Dr. S. L. Suryavanshi—Clinical Demonstration of Some Surgical Cases.

3 *Special meetings* were held:

1. To discuss the present Warning Notice and Code of Medical Ethics and to suggest amendments, etc.
2. To discuss reasons of the move started by some members of the Assosciation to establish a Branch of the A.I.L. Association.

3. To meet Capt. V. B. Kale, I.M.S. (a former member of the Association) who was here on short leave. He gave an interesting talk on "A typical operation in the Modern Warfare."

4. Dr. Marathay of Bombay gave a talk on Social Hygiene and Birth Control.

A farewell function was held to bid good-bye to Dr. M. D. Jadhav, the Civil Surgeon, and a member of the Assosciation on his transfer to Poona. One monthly meeting was held when only routine business was transacted. A condolence meeting was held to mourn the loss of Dr. J. A. Deshmukh, one of the founder members of the Branch.

Membership—It is most gratifying to note that the membership figure stands at 60.

Other activities—(1) *Rationing:* The rationing scheme launched in this town since the 15th of December 1943 has raised many issues and the Association is trying its best to improve matters, not always with success. It has to be recorded with pleasure that the Collector and the Rationing Officer have been very sympathetic to the representations made by the Branch and as a result all the members are now receiving Kerosene oil and sugar regularly for their professional use, and the Branch is thankful to them and hopes that the same spirit of co-operation will continue in future in these difficult times. A Medical Panel has been formed to consider points referred to them by the Rationing Authority.

(2) *Drug Control Order:* A strong protest against the levy of Rs. 15|- as a Purchase Licence fee has already been made to the Government and a demand is made that the representatives of the Medical Profession be taken on the Provincial Boards. A protest was made regarding the Control prices also. All these are having effect though rather slowly. The enactments of the Drug Control Order were applied with tact and consideration by the local authorities and there were no untoward incidents here as was the case in some other provinces.

(3) *Supply of Tyres, Tubes and Petrol:* The question of adequate supply of these, continues however to be very unsatisfactory in spite of the great efforts of the Central I.M.A. and the Branches, and is hampering the medical profession in the efficient discharge of its onerous duties. With the easing of War situation it is bound that the authorities will give consideration to the very just demand of the profession and meet them adequately.

(4) *A.I.L.A. Branch:* Our Licentiate brothers have formed a new Branch, of the All-India Licentiate Association here. The move was deplored by some members of the Association, as it was thought that the I.M.A. was not open to the charge of neglecting the interests of the licentiates and that it unnecessarily created division in the profession. It has to be recorded with great pleasure, however, that the most cordial relations between the two continue to remain so in spite of the new Branch.

Thus the 11th year of the Association is closing. In these days of difficulties it is gratifying to note that the Association has been able to help the members in securing their essential supplies at least partially and this has been due to the growing strength of the body, and the management is sure that with greater and still greater co-operation and unity in the whole of the Medical Profession, the future can be looked on with confidence.

XXI ALL-INDIA MEDICAL CONFERENCE, CAWNPORE

The 21st All-India Medical Conference will be held at Cawnpore on 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th December, 1944. In order to make the Conference thoroughly representative and successful, members of the medical profession all over India are requested to attend and take part in the deliberations.

A Scientific Section is being arranged. Original papers on various branches of medical science will be read in this Section by scientists and members of the profession.

An exhibition of surgical and medical products will also be held in this connection.

Temple of Service,
The Mall, Cawnpore.

R. N. SEN,
Asst. Publicity Secretary.

BIHAR RELIEF FUND (INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION)

The following further contributions to the Bihar Relief Fund, I.M.A., are acknowledged:—

Through Hony. Secretary, Gadag Branch: Dr. V. R. Huilgol, Rs. 5|-; Dr. D. V. Kologi, Rs. 5|-; Dr. D. Moolky, Rs. 5|-; Dr. M. S. Wagle, Rs. 25|-; Dr. D. V. Chafekar, Rs. 5-; Dr. R. R. Patil, Rs. 2|-; Dr. H. A. Gadiyat, Rs. 2|-; Dr. G. Y. Watwe, Rs. 2|-; Dr. Petit Pierra, Rs. 5|-; Vaidya R. V. Desai, Rs. 2|-; Dr. R. V. Chafekar, Rs. 3|-; Dr. G. S. Kulkarni, Rs. 2|-; Dr. Palil S. S., Re. 1|-; Dr. N. H. Godbole, Re. 1|-; Dr. A. V. Umachigi, Rs. 5|-; Dr. B. N. Huilgol, Re. 1|-. Total Rs. 71|-.

N.B. The above amount was paid direct to the Bihar Provincial Office, I.M.A.

Through Hony. Secretary, Nowshera Branch: I.M.A. Nowshera Branch, Rs. 10|-; Mr. B. Hansraj, Imperial Bank, Nowshera, Re. 1|-. Total Rs. 11|-.

Through Hony. Secretary, Meerut Branch: Dr. Bhupal Singh, Rs. 25|-; Dr. R. C. Chaurasi, Rs. 10|-; Dr. S. N. Banerji, Rs. 20|-; Dr. A. S. Maheshwari, Rs. 10|-; Dr. C. L. Kshettry, Rs. 10|; Dr. O. P. Goel, Rs. 10|-; Dr. V. P. Gupta, Rs. 10|-; Dr. A. R. Jafri, Rs. 10|-; Dr. Indrajit Goel, Rs. 20|-; Dr. K. G. Mathur, Rs. 10|-; Dr. J. L. Caroli, Rs. 20|-. Total Rs. 155|-.

Through Hony. Secretary, Hyderabad (Sind) Branch: I.M.A. Hyderabad Sind Branch, Rs. 40|-; Anonymous, Rs. 100|-. Total Rs. 140|-.

Through Hony. Secretary, Barabanki Branch: Rs. 50|-.

Through Hony. Secretary, Jaipur Branch: 1. Messrs. Nandram Sri Niwas, Rs. 100|-; 2. Mr. M. P. Saxena, Rs. 11|-; 3. Mr. R. S. Mathur, Rs. 5|-; 4. Dr. G. N. Sen, Rs. 20|-; 5. R. E. Heileg, Rs. 20|-; 6. Dr. Jwala Prosad, Rs. 16|-; 7. Dr. T. S. Mathur, Rs. 11|-; 8. Dr. Kailash Shankar, Rs. 5|-; 9. Dr. Chand Behari Lal, Rs. 5|-; 10. Dr. Md. Saeed, Rs. 5|-; 11. Dr. G. P. Choudhary, Rs. 5|-; 12. Dr. P. C. Roy, Rs. 5|-; 13. Dr. I. P. Sharman, Re. 1|-. Total Rs. 209|-.

RESEARCH FUND (INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION)

The following further donation to the Research Fund (Indian Medical Association) is gratefully acknowledged:—
Rai Sahib Dr. S. N. Kaul, M.B., CH.B., Lahore, Rs. 180|14|-.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

I.M.A., WORKING COMMITTEE—Proceedings of the thirteenth meeting of the Working Committee of the Indian Medical Association held at Madras (Hotel d' Madras) on the 1st and 2nd September, 1944, at 12 noon and 1-30 p.m. respectively:

Members present (on 1-9-44)—1. Rai Sahib Dr. S. N. Kaul, (Lahore), President, in the chair; 2. Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta (Bombay); 3. Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Tirumurti (Madras); 4. Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao, (Guntur); 5. Dr. B. L. Kapoor, (Lahore) co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 6. Capt. S. C. Sen, (New Delhi), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 7. Dr. P. Veeriah Chaudhury, (Guntur), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 8. Lt.-Col. K. G. Pandalai, (Madras), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 9. Dr. Shridhar V. Oak, (Bombay), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 10. Dr. E. V. Sreenivasan, (Madras), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 11. Dr. U. Krishna Rao, (Madras), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 12. Dr. P. T. Raghavachari, (Madras), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 13. Dr. K. L. Narayan Rao, (Madras), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 14. Dr. A. Vishwanathan, (Madras), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 15. Dr. A. N. Ghosh, (Calcutta), (by invitation); 16. Lt.-Col. T. S. Shastri, (Madras), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 17. Dr. M. V. Natesan, (Madras), (by invitation); and 18. Capt. P. B. Mukerji, Hony. General Secretary.

Members present (on 2-9-44)—1. Rai Sahib Dr. S. N. Kaul, (Lahore), President, in the chair; 2. Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, (Bombay); 3. Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao, (Guntur); 4. Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Tirumurti, (Madras); 5. Dr. B. L. Kapur, (Lahore), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 6. Dr. Shridhar V. Oak, (Bombay), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 7. Dr. P. Veeriah Choudhury, (Guntur), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 8. Lt. Col. T. S. Shastri, (Madras), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 9. Dr. A. Vishwanathan, (Madras), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 10. Dr. U. Krishna Rao, (Madras), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 11. Dr. E. V. Sreenivasan, (Madras), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 12. Dr. P. T. Raghavachari, (Madras), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 13. Capt. S. C. Sen, (New Delhi), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 14. Dr. K. L. Narayan Rao, (Madras), co-opted under rule 15-II-A(*c*); 15. Dr. M. V. Natesan, (Madras), (by invitation); 16. Dr. P. Rama Rao, (Madras), (by invitation); 17. Dr. A. K. Rajagopalan, (Trichinoply), (by invitation); 18. Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan, (Trichinoply), (by invitation); 19. Dr. A. N. Ghosh, (Calcutta), (by invitation); 20. Dr. S. Samaddar, (Patna), (by invitation); and 21. Capt. P. B. Mukerji, Hony. General Secretary.

Messages of regret at inability to attend the meeting from Lt.-Col. J. C. De of Calcutta, Capt. H. N. Shivapuri of Lucknow, Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta of Bombay, Capt. R. C. Goulatia of Lahore and Dr. R. A. Amesur of Karachi, were read out by the Hony. General Secretary.

Before commencement of the business of the meeting, the following resolution was moved from the chair and unanimously passed, all standing:—

The Working Committee of the Indian Medical Association place on record their deep sense of sorrow at the untimely demise of Dr. Bhusan Chandra Sadhu, L.M.P., and Dr. Haripada De, L.M.F., of Sitarampore; Dr. A. K. Rakshit, B.SC., M.B., D.M.R.E., L.M., & Dr. J. C. Aich of Calcutta; Dr. J. A. Deshmukh, L.M. & S. of Sholapur; Dr. Dinshaw Jahangirji Doctor, L.M. & S. of Surat; Dr. D. E. Anklesaria, L.M. & S., Dr. K. L. Pawar, L.C.P.S. and I. R. Pathak, L.C.P.S. of Ahmedabad; Dr. P. S. Janardhan, B.A., M.B.B.S., Vizag.; Dr. W. R. Sahane, M.S., Dr. S. G. Poonaokar, L.M.S. of Amraoti; Dr. F. Muhammad, Rajahmundry; Dr. B. S. Patayanaik, Behrampore; Dr. Mrs. T. Jones, Meerut; Dr. S. C. Dasgupta, Madhupur; Rai Saheb Dr. B. R. Saxena, Cawnpore and convey their heartfelt sympathies to the members of the bereaved families.

Resolved that a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the members of the deceaseds' families.

The Working Committee of the Indian Medical Association also place on record their deep sense of sorrow at the sad demise of Acharya Sir P. C. Ray, the eminent Scientist of India.

Resolved that a copy of the above resolution be sent to the members of the bereaved family and that the Association's heartfelt sympathies be conveyed to them.

The Hony. General Secretary read out the letter received from Capt. H. N. Shivapuri, a member of the Working Committee, wherein the latter had desired his protest against the selection of Madras as the venue of the meeting, to be recorded.

Resolved that it should be left to the discretion of the President to convene the meeting of the Working Committee at such time and place as may seem expedient and convenient to him in the interest of the Association.

Before taking up the business of the meeting, the Hony. General Secretary read out a letter addressed to him by Dr. Jawaharlal Rohatgi, Chairman of the Receiption Committee of the ensuing XXI All-India Medical Conference to be held at Cawnpore wherein the latter had requested him to extend to all the members present the cordial invitation of his committee to attend the Conference at Cawnpore in December next.

1. *Confirmation of the Proceedings of the last Meeting:*

Resolved that the proceedings of the last meeting of the Working Committee held at Calcutta on the 26th & 27th of February, 1944, be confirmed.

Arising out of the proceedings of the last meeting, the General Secretary reported that, as per direction of the Committee at their meeting held at Calcutta on the 26th & 27th February, 1944, a letter was addressed to Messrs. Chakrabarty Choudhury & Co., Registered Accountants, Calcutta, on 16th March, 1944, enquiring whether they would agree to audit the accounts of the Association once a year only at the Association office on a remuneration of Rs. 100|- per annum and that they had signified their consent to do the work on our terms in a letter No. 170|5|44 dated the 17th March, 1944.

The General Secretary further reported that, although the Working Committee had desired him at the last meeting to communicate with the National Institute of Sciences in India for a supply of further informations re: the scheme for the formation of a National Research Council, he withheld taking any action in the matter as he came to know from the Secretary of the Institute that a concrete proposal in this connection had already been worked out by the Institute and submitted to the Government of India for their consideration and necessary action.

He further reported that the Indian Medical Council, to whom a reference was made for opinion on the question of professional collaboration between registered medical practitioners of the Western System of medicine, on the one hand, and registered Vaids and Hakims. on the other, had since replied and the subject would appear as a separate item (No. 8) in the Agenda of the present meeting of the Committee.

The General Secretary informed the house that, as desired by a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Working Committee [and also in accordance with Rule 16-A(*b*) of the Rules of the Indian Medical Association], the Central Bank of India Ltd., Calcutta, was advised in letter No. GS 374|43-44, dated the 16th March, 1944, to purchase, as the bankers of the Indian Medical Association, 3½ per cent G. P. Notes of the value of Rs. 2466|-, which represented 25 per cent of the surplus of income over expenditure, as per audited accounts of 1942-43 and that the bank had since purchased G. P. Notes of the total value of Rs. 2462|3|1, which was the nearest approach to the sum to be funded, after necessary deductions. He informed the Committee that the Reserve Fund of the Association, after this addition, stood at Rs. 27,166|12|7.

He further reported that the Fixed Deposit Receipt No. 28|260 dated 4-10-43 of the value of Rs. 5704|9|6 has been placed in Safe Custody with the Central Bank of India Ltd., Calcutta, and the office has got a receipt No. 29|33, dated the 8th April, 1944, for the same.

Arising out of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Working Committee in connection with items No. 2(a), 4, 5 & 9 of its Agenda, the General Secretary informed that the subjects were figuring again in the Agenda of the present meeting and that his reports thereon would follow when those items came up for discussion.

He further reported that, as authorised by the Working Committee at its last meeting held at Calcutta, the sum of

at Calcutta on the 26th & 27th February, 1944, and passed a resolution on the subject. He read out the correspondence that had passed between him and the Secretary of the Muzaffarpur branch.

Resolved that the correspondence be recorded.

10. *Consideration of the Government of India's letter No. PR/460/42, dated 21-7-44, re. supply of petrol, tyres and tubes etc. to members of the profession:*

The Hony. General Secretary gave a brief summary of the actions taken by him with the assistance of Capt. S. C. Sen of New Delhi, Jt. Hony. Secretary, Indian Medical Association in the matter of securing concessions from the Government of India and bringing relief to the medical profession in the country in the matter of increased supply of petrol, tyres and tubes.

He informed the Committee that all branches of the Indian Medical Association were kept acquainted with the developments and that, according to previous arrangements, the Central Government had issued instructions to the Provincial Rationing Authorities and Chief Commissioners to tackle the situation in consultation with the members of the local branches of the Indian Medical Association.

He then read out to the house the last letter which he had received from the Government of India on this subject and the effect of which was cancellation of the previous arrangements.

Resolved that the correspondence be recorded.

11. *Proceedings of the meeting of the Bengal Medical Relief Sub-Committee of the Indian Medical Association held at Calcutta on the 22nd April, 1944:*

Resolved that the proceedings be recorded.

12. *Report of the Representatives of the Indian Medical Association submitted before the Drugs Control Advisory Committee of the Government of India at its meeting held at Bombay on the 14th & 16th July, 1944:*

The Hony. General Secretary informed the house that, on an invitation from the Government of India, Department of Industries and Commerce, the President had nominated Capt. S. C. Sen of Delhi and Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta of Bombay as representatives of the Indian Medical Association to the Drugs Control Advisory Committee which met at Bombay in July last.

The reports submitteed by Capt. S. C. Sen and Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta, jointly and separately, were read out. The Working Committee conveyed their thanks to both the representatives.

Resolved that the report be recorded.

In this connection the Hony. General Secretary informed the House that, since the meeting of the Drugs Control Advisory Committee at Bombay, the Asst. Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Industries and Civil Supplies had requested to be favoured with a list of drugs which should not be supplied except on prescriptions and which a chemist would not ordinarily be justified in refusing to supply if a proper prescription is furnished. The Secretary stated that he had already issued a Circular to all the Provincial Secretaries of the I.M.A. requesting them to kindly send their suggestions on the above subject and had also requested Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta and Capt. S. C. Sen to do the needful in the matter. He informed the Committee that a list had since been received from Dr. Mehta only.

13. *Nomination of Dr. Anil Kumar Sen, M.B., of Calcutta as the representative of the Indian Medical Association to the Drugs Technical Advisory Board (Government of India) by the President:*

Resolved that the Working Committee approve of the action taken by the President.

14. *Consideration of the position re. Arrears Central Fund Contribution:*

The Hony. General Secretary drew the attention of the members present to the Statement of Accounts supplied to them which showed that a total of Rs. 3,620|7|11 stood as outstanding on 5th August, 1944, against the various branches. He was, however, glad to report that, since the above statement was prepared, his office had received full amounts from the Bombay and Madras branches against arrears.

Resolved that printed post-cards to individual defaulting members be again sent showing the amounts due against them with a note therein stating that, in the absence of any reply from them, the next copy of the Journal will be sent per V.P.P. and requesting them to kindly honour the postal packet.

15. *Consideration of the question of Permanent Location of the Headquarters of the Association:*

22(r) Full T. A. to W. C. & C. C. Members:

22(t) A whole time paid Secretary for the Head Office:

With the permission of the chair, these items were taken together for consideration.

The President explained the reasons why he had asked the General Secretary to reinclude the items referred to above in the present agenda. He felt that the time had come for an early decision on the questions of having a permanent Headquarters of the Association and a whole-time paid Secretary for the best interests and efficient and smooth working of the Association. He also thought that full T. A. should be paid to members of both W. C. & C. C. to ensure better attendance at the meetings of these bodies.

Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta wished postponement of consideration of the matter till the next annual Conference.

Capt. S. C. Sen reviewed the whole problem and gave some concrete suggestions.

Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Tirumurti, Dr. Vishawanath and other participated in the discussion and all agreed to the necessity of having some scheme chalked out for the reorganisation of the Association, keeping in view the above subjects *viz.*, location of the headquarters permanently at a suitable place, the appointment of a wholetime paid Secretary and full T. A. to the members of the Working Committee and the Central Council.

The Hony. General Secretary on being requested to express his views in the matter, gave his whole hearted support to the suggestion of the President that the time had arrived when a decision must be taken on the question of permanent location of the Headquarters of the Association, the appointment of a paid whole time Secretary and payment of full T. A. to the members of the Working Committee and the Central Council when they travelled on Association business. He explained in detail how, for want of a decision on the question of permanent location of the Headquarters, it was not possible to rent a decent house on long lease where the Headquarters could be shifted. The present premises were very unsatisfactory from the point of view of accommodation, space, ventilation and sanitation and he admitted that he felt ashamed to take any visitor round and shew him where the Headquarters of the Indian Medical Association was located. For want of same decision, he could not approach the authorities of the Calcutta Corporation or the Improvement Trust for the sanction of a free gift of land on which the Association could aspire to build a house of its own. For want of space again, no arrangements for having a library could be taken in hand nor could rooms be provided for accommodating members of the Association who visited Calcutta for a day or two on business in the Headquarters premises. He reiterated the same reasons for appointment of a paid whole-time Secretary as he had advanced at the last meeting of the Working Committee and gave it out as his considered view that the members of the Working Committee and Central Council should be paid full T. A. when they came to attend meetings of these bodies. He urged in this connection that the Central Fund Contribution payable by branches should be increased to provide more revenue to meet these expenses and agreed with Capt. Sen's suggestion that the composition of the Central Council should be modified to make it a smaller body and to ensure its members attending every meeting.

Resolved that the President and the Hony. General Secretary be requested to draw up a scheme touching the above points and a questionnaire based on the same be circulated to all Provincial Secretaries, the members of the Working Committee and all office-bearers of the Association, asking for their opinion thereon to be submitted within six weeks of the date of recipt of the Questionnaire and that the opinions so received be considered by a Sub-Committee consisting of the following members:—

1. The President; 2. The Hony. General Secretary; 3. Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Tirumurti, Madras; 4. Capt. S. C. Sen, New Delhi; 5. Capt. H. N. Shivapuri, Lucknow; 6. Dr. G. V.

The proposed amendment of Rule 10-A(b) by the Bengal Provincial Branch was, as follows:

"Substitute the figure '12' in line 2 of the above rule by the figure '6'."

The Hony. General Secretary reported that the subject appeared as an item for discussion again in the present agenda under the following circumstances:—

The Hony. Jt. Secretary, Bengal Provincial Branch, I.M.A. in his first letter on the subject, had forwarded the amendment "for consideration of the Central Council of the I.M.A." and, since all matters to be placed before the Central Council have to pass through the Working Committee, in accordance with rule 15-II-C(a) (viii),, the matter was discussed by the Working Committee at its last meeting held at Calcutta and a copy of the resolution passed by the Committee was duly forwarded to him. In reply to the above the Hony. Jt. Secretary, Bengal Provincial Branch, desired the Hony. General Secretary to treat his original communication as a proposal for amendment of Rule 10-A(b) and, as such, the constitutional procedure of circulating the proposed amendment to all the branches for eliciting their opinion, as laid down in rule 15-G(a), was followed.

The Hony. General Secretary then placed before the Committee a summary of the opinions received on the subject from the branches.

Resolved that since only a small number of branches had expressed their opinion the matter be re-circulated amongst the branches for expression of opinion with a proviso that the reply on the subject must be received by the Headquarters within three months from the date of issue of the Circular after which, if no opinion was received, it would be taken that the branches which did not send any reply, favoured *status quo*.

5. *Amendment of Rule 17-C(a): Deletion of second sentence of para 1:*

The Hony. General Secretary informed the Committee that, due to acute scarcity of paper and large increase in the membership strength of the Association, it was found impossible to give effect to the direction contained in the second sentence of para 1 of Rule 17-C(a) when the branches were circularised on 30th June, 1944 for sending their nominations to the offices of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Association for 1944-45. This direction required the office to send a current list of members of the Association at the time of inviting nominations every year.

Dr. Viswanathan informed the house that under D. I. Rules publication of such lists was not permissible.

Resolved that the Working Committee approve of the action of the Hony. General Secretary in not circulating the current list of members of the Association when issuing Head Office Circular No. C-35, dated the 30th June, 1944.

The Hony. General Secretary then suggested that in view of the fact that the membership of the Association was likely to increase every year rendering publication of such a list an annual costly affair and in view of the further fact that for the purpose of nominations for the offices of the President and Vice-Presidents, such a list was not essential, this sentence be deleted.

Resolved that the matter be circulated for the opinion of the branches with the recommendation of the Working Committee that the sentence be deleted.

6. *Reply of the Indian Medical Association to the Questionnaire sent by the Health Survey and Development Committee, Government of India:*

The Hony. General Secretary placed before the house the opinions submitted by the different branches on the Questionnaire received from the Health Survey & Development Committee of the Government of India, copies of which were forwarded to them with a request to furinsh the Head Office with as much informations on the subject as possible to make the reply which was to be sent to the Government of India, on behalf of the Indian Medical Association, a comprehensive one.

The draft reply to the Questionnaire based on the opinions received from the branches was referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of the following members—1. Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, Bombay; 2. Lt. Col. T. S. Shastri, Madras; 3. Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao, Guntur; 4. Capt. S. C. Sen, New Delhi; 5. The President, and 6. The Hony. General Secretary.

The Sub-Committee met on the night of 1-9-44 and considered the draft and made certain changes in it. The final reply as drawn up by the Sub-Committee was placed before the Working Committee on 2-9-44 for its consideration.

Resolved that the reply as drafted by the Sub-Committee be approved and forwarded to the Health Survey & Development Committee as the considered views of the Indian Medical Association on the subject.

7. *Correspondence between the Hony. General Secretary and the Surgeon General with the Government of Bengal re. Doctors recruited through the Indian Medical Association for Relief Work in Bengal; Hony. General Secretary's letter to the Press:*

The Hony. General Secretary informed the house of the steps that had been taken to obtain volunteer-doctors for work in epidemic-affected areas of Bengal and gave a detailed account of the number of recruits that had been secured from the different provinces through the branches and whose names had been forwarded to the Surgeon General, Bengal, for issue of posting orders. He further informed the Committee that, in his last communication to the Association, the Surgeon-General had demanded a guarantee from the Indian Medical Association that the doctors who volunteered their services through the Association would eventually accept the offers of service as and when made by his Government. In his reply to the Surgeon-General, the Hony. General Secretary said he had explained that the I.M.A., from the very beginning, had offered its whole-hearted co-operation to the Government of Bengal in the matter of recruitment of volunteer doctors but the delay on the part of his Government to give priority of consideration to the cases of doctors already recruited through the I.M.A. with regard to the regular payment of their salary, house rent and other allowances, besides the cold treatment meted out to them by some of the Civil Surgeons under whom they had been detailed for duty and several other facts had acted as a cold blanket to the enthusiasm which had been created in the branches of the Association and had brought matters to such a pass that such a guarantee was out of the question. He placed before the Committee a copy of the letter which he had addressed to the Editor of the "Statesman" on 2-3-44 in reply to certain remarks made by the Hon'ble Minister I/C Local Self Government and Public Health Bengal in the Bengal Legislative Council threatening conscription of doctors and then read out to the house the last letter which he had addressed to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Bengal in this connection.

Resolved that the Working Committee approve of the action taken by the Hony. General Secretary and deplores the attitude of the Government of Bengal; Resolved further that the correspondence that have passed between him and the Government be recorded.

8. *Reply received from the Indian Medical Council in respect of Dr. B. V. Mullay's resolution re. ruling of the Bombay Medical Council on the question of professional collaboration between Registered Medical Practitioners and Vaids, Hakims etc.:*

The Hony. General Secretary read out the letter which he had received from the Secretary of the Medical Council of India to whom the subject was referred for opinion under direction of the Working Committee at its Annual Meeting held at Ahmedabad on 28-12-43.

Resolved that the Working Committee is of the opinion that it is not correct for registered medical practitioners to associate with Vaids, Hakims and Homœopaths, unless they are registered in Provincial Medical Registers formed under Local Governments' Acts.

9. *Letters from Hony. Secretary, Muzaffarpur Branch, received in reply to our forwarding to him a copy of the Working Committee's resolution on the question of running of Child Welfare & Maternity Centres:*

The Hony. General Secretary informed the house that the Hony. Secretary of the Muzaffarpur branch who in his first letter, had raised the question as to how Child Welfare and Maternity Centres should be run and "wanted to be guided in matters by precedence and practice prevailing elsewhere", had taken exception to the procedure adopted by him, *viz.*, circulating the matter to all the provincial branches for favour of opinion and placing the same before the Working Committee which met

Rs. 1,000, provided for in the budget of the current year under the head "Propaganda" had been distributed for the specific purpose of an intensive membership-drive, as follows:—

To Bengal Provincial Branch	Rs. 200/- for work in Calcutta
To Bombay Branch ..	Rs. 300/- for work in Bombay
To Punjab Provincial Branch	Rs. 200/- for work in Lahore
To South India Provincial Branch	Rs. 150/- for work in Madras
To Andhra Provincial Branch	Rs. 150/- for work in A. P.

He informed the members further that, though the U.P. Provincial Branch was also allotted a certain share of the above amount for membership-drive in the town of Lucknow, the Hony. Secretary of the Provincial Branch had declined the offer with thanks and assured that no extra financial help was necessary for the work in Lucknow.

The General Secretary reported that the members of the Sub-Committee formed at the last meeting of the Working Committee to give effect to resolution no. 3 passed by the Annual Conference at Ahmedabad in December, 1943, were duly informed of their election thereto and that Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta had kindly agreed to act as convenor of the said Sub-Committee. He informed further that the same item was appearing as item No. 22(d) of the present agenda for further discussion with regard to the expenses that the said Committee were likely to incur.

The General Secretary reported that the direction of the Working Committee with regard to the Research Fund Scheme was duly forwarded to the Convenor of the Research Fund Committee for his guidance. He further reported that, as desired by the Working Committee at its last meeting, the amount of Rs. 6262/- available in the Research Fund on 16-3-1944, was deposited in Fixed Deposit Account with the Central Bank of India Ltd., Calcutta, and that contributions received thereafter and deposited with the bank in the same account had brought the total collections to Rs. 7,772/- only.

The General Secretary informed the house that the direction of the Working Committee with regard to the proposal for more satisfactory development of the Scientific Sections organised at the time of the Annual Conferences had been communicated to the Secretary of the next Conference to be held at Cawnpore in December, 1944, and that the latter had in reply accepted the suggestions of the Committee.

The General Secretary further reported that, pursuant to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Working Committee, Dr. R. A. Amesur, who was invited by the Government of India to serve as a member of the Health Survey & Development Committee, being the Acting President for the time being of the Indian Medical Association, was requested to submit a confidential report to the President and to keep the Working Committee acquainted with the Proceedings and progress of the work of the said Committee. He informed the members that he was not in possession of any further information on the subject either from Dr. R. A. Amesur or the President.

He then reported that a copy of the Memorandum on Sickness Insurance Scheme of the Government of India, as approved by the Working Committee at its last meeting, had been duly forwarded to the Government of India as representing the final and considered views of the Indian Medical Association on the subject.

Regarding the findings of the Sub-Committee especially appointed for the purpose of commenting on the question raised by the Jubbulpore branch about non-acceptance of Medical Certificates issued by private registered medical practitioners until and unless they are countersigned by Civil or Agency Surgeons and the consequent question of re-drafting of S. R. 229, the General Secretary informed the members that, as desired by the Working Committee, he had forwarded the recommendations of the Sub-Committee to the Hon'ble Member-in-Charge, Education, Health and Lands, Government of India, under letter No. GS/752/43-44, dated the 24th May, 1944, with a copy of the same to the Hony. Secretary, Jubbulpore Branch. No reply had since been received from the Government of India.

He then reported that the opinion of the Indian Medical Association, as expressed and recorded by the Working Committee at its last meeting held at Calcutta, regarding compilation of an Indian Pharmacopœia, had been forwarded to the Hon'ble Member-in-Charge, Education, Health & Lands, Government of India, the President of the Indian Medical Council and the Registrars of all Provincial Medical Councils, for necessary action, under letter No. GS 422/13/43-44, dated the 24th March, 1944.

2. *The Indian Medical Association and the remarks of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India in the Council of State re. terms and conditions of service in the Emergency Cadre of I.M.S.:*

The Hony. General Secretary read out the press-report of the remarks made by His Excellency The Commander-in-Chief in India in the Council of State on the 29th March, 1944, in reply to a question put by the Hon'ble Lala Ramsarandas, M.C.S. and drew the attention of the members present to the resolutions passed by the Working Committee on this subject at their meetings held on 12-7-41, 27-7-41, 15-7-42 and 6-2-43 respectively and also to the Brochure entitled "Indian Medical Service and Emergency Commissions" published by him in 1941 in all of which the grievances of the profession with regard to the inadequacy and unsatisfactory nature of the terms and conditions of service in the Emergency Cadre of the I.M.S. and I.M.D., had been fully ventilated. He further informed that copies of all these documents had been duly forwarded to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, the Hon'ble Member-in-Charge of Education, Health & Lands, Government of India, the D.G., I.M.S., the D.M.S. in India and other Officers of the Government of India, as directed by the Working Committee.

Resolved that a reply be sent by the Hony. General Secretary to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief in India, pointing out the inaccuracies in the statements made by him before the Council of State and drawing his attention to the fact that the Indian Medical Association had made several representations in the past before the Government with regard to the inadequate and unsatisfactory nature of the terms and conditions of Service in the Emergency Cadres of the I.M.S. and other Army Medical Services.

The Working Committee requested the Hony. General Secretary to find out first what question had actually been put by the Hon'ble Lala Ramsarandas in the Council of State to which the statements made by His Excellency The Commander-in-Chief were the reply and then forward the letter to the latter.

3. *Consideration of the opinions received from Branches in reply to Head Office Circular No. C-27, dated the 13th March, 1944. [re. Additions in Rule 17-B(a) as suggested by the Hony. General Secretary consequent upon the Amendments proposed by the Bombay Branch in Rules 17B(a), 17-B(b) and 21-G]:*

The Hony. General Secretary reported that, as directed by the Working Committee at its last meeting, the amendment to rules 17-B(a) and 21-G, as originally proposed by the Bombay branch, and his own suggestion of addition of a new clause at the end of rule 17-C(a) which would cover the spirit of the amendments proposed by the former, were circulated to all the branches for expression of opinion as to which of the two amendments they would endorse. Of the opinions received, nine branches were in favour of the suggestions of the Hony. General Secretary and three in favour of the Bombay branch.

Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, supported the suggestion of the Hony. General Secretary and proposed that the amendment be put under rule 17-B(a) as a separate note, as follows:—

"Note 1. In the event of an emergency arising by reason of any cause such as death, detention, resignation or absence for a considerable period out of India of the President, the duties of the President shall devolve upon the Vice-President who has obtained the highest number of votes at the election, or, in his absence, the Vice-President obtaining the next highest number."

Resolved that the amendment, as suggested by Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, be approved and recommended to the Central Council for their acceptance.

4. *Consideration of the opinions received from the Branches on the Amendment of Rule 10-A(b) as proposed by the Bengal Provincial Branch:*

Hanumantha Rao, Guntur, and 7. Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta, Bombay.

Resolved further that the recommendations of the Sub-Committee be placed for consideration before the next or subsequent meeting of the Working Committee.

Resolved further that in the meantime the Hony. General Secretary be authorised to rent a bigger premises in Calcutta, if available, even on a higher rent, and to take it on a lease of five years, if necessary, for accommodating the offices etc. of the Headquarters.

16. *Consideration of the question of acute scarcity of x-ray films in the country:*

The Hony. General Secretary read out the letters which he had received from the Indian Radiological Association, Calcutta, and the Rawalpindi and the Punjab Provincial Branches of the I.M.A. and the correspondence that had passed between him, Messrs. Ilford & Co. Ltd. and the D. G., I.M.S., regarding acute scarcity of x-ray films in the country.

Capt. S. C. Sen, Dr. P. Rama Rau, Dr. M. V. Natesan and the Hony. General Secretary explained how the situation with regard to the acute scarcity of x-ray films in the country had developed and made suggestions as to how radiologists and hospitals in India should meet it.

Resolved that the D.G., I.M.S. be written to requesting him to release part of the Central and Provincial Governments' reserve stock of x-ray films held by Messrs. Kodak & Ilford Ltd. in their cold storage, for use by radiologists and Civil Hospitals.

Resolved further that a copy of the above communication to the D.G., I.M.S. be sent by the Hony. General Secretary to Rawalpindi and the Punjab Provincial Branches of the I.M.A., informing them that all radiologists may apply for import licence and priority certificates through the trade after satisfying the requisite formalities, as published in newspapers.

17. *Drugs Rules, 1944, framed under the Drugs Act, and suggestions of amendments put forward by the Indian Medical Association:*

The Hony. General Secretary read out the amendments to the Drugs Rules, 1944, which he had put forward before the Government of India after consultation with the representative of the Indian Medical Association on the Drugs Technical Advisory Board and other members of the Association connected with drug manufacturing concerns.

Resolved that the action of the Hony. General Secretary be approved.

18. *Consideration of the Madras Government Ban:*

The President put before the Committee in brief an account of his interview with the Adviser to His Excellency the Governor of Madras on this subject.

The Working Committee, having heard the statement of the President and the Hony. General Secretary with regard to their interview with the Adviser to His Excellency the Governor of Madras, resolved that the President be authorised to deal with the matter.

19. *Consideration of the proposal of the Independent Medical Practitioners' Association of Bangalore to convert themselves into a branch of the I.M.A., on condition that they allowed to enrol only one class of members, viz., Independent Medical Practitioners:*

The Hony. General Secretary reported that through the efforts of Lt. Col. T. S. Shastri and Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Tirumurti, there were possibilities of converting the Independent Medical Practitioners' Association at Bangalore into a branch of the I.M.A. on condition that it was allowed to maintain its policy of recruiting the independent medical practitioners only and not Service men, as members.

Col. Shastri informed that a similar Association at Mysore was also thinking of joining the I.M.A. as a branch and that, according to the latest informations reaching him, the Bangalore Association had already decided to join the I.M.A. with effect from the commencement of the next financial year of the Association, *i.e.*, from 1st October, 1944.

Resolved that consideration of the matter be postponed till receipt of communication from the Secretary, Independent Medical Practitioners' Association, Bangalore, with regard to the formation of a branch at Bangalore.

20. *Any matter forwarded by the Journal Committee or any other Standing Committee:*

The Hony. General Secretary read out a report submitted by the Business Manager of the Journal of the Indian Medical Association wherein the causes for the delayed publication of the Journal were explained.

Resolved that the letter be recorded and that a note be inserted in the Journal, pointing out the difficulties arising out of the acute scarcity of paper available in the country, the Paper Control (Economy) Order and other consequential factors which have been responsible for this state of affairs.

Resolved further that Mr. M. Adhikari, Clerk, Journal Department, be confirmed on the scale of pay of Rs. 40—3—70.

21. *Formation Branches:*

The Hony. General Secretary informed the House that the following branches were formed since the last meeting of the Working Committee:—

1. Kapurthala, 2. Jhang, 3. Jaranwala, 4. Nowshehra, 5. Abbotabad *under* Punjab Provincial Branch, 6. Deoband and 7. Fyzabad *under* U.P. Provincial Branch, 8. Hajipur, 9. Madhupur, 10. Buxar *under* Bihar Provincial Branch, 11. Bhimavaram, 12. Ongole and 13. Tenali *under* Andhra Provincial Branch, 14. Mardan, 15. Jaipur, 16. Broach, 17. Nadiad and 18. Ahmednagar *direct* Branches under Headquarters.

Resolved that the Working Committee recommend to the Central Council that the formation of the above branches be approved, subject to the formalities prescribed under rule 6-C(*a*) being complied with in full.

22. *Miscellaneous:—(a) Letter dated 20th, 24th and 31st August, 1943, from the Secretaries of Tinnevelly, Coimbatore and Tanjore Branches, respectively, forwarding copies of resolutions re: Amalgamation of All-India Medical Licentiates' Association and the Indian Medical Association:*

The matter was given a thorough discussion in which Capt. S. C. Sen, Dr. A. Viswanathan, Dr. Venkappa, Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Tirumurti and others participated.

Resolved that the Indian Medical Association would welcome the proposal of amalgamation of the two Associations and would be glad to move further in the matter, if a resolution to that effect is passed at the next annual Conference of the A.I.M.L.A.

Resolved further that this Association is in favour of and would welcome such a step.

(b) Application of South India Provincial Branch for Sanction of Rs. 300 for propaganda.

Resolved that no grant can be made now as there is no provision in the budget.

(c) Application for sanction of Rs. 100 for propaganda submitted by the Howrah Branch through the Bengal Provincial Branch:

Resolved that the matter be postponed to the next meeting of the Working Committee.

Resolved further that the five branches which had received the special grant for intensive membership drive in particular areas, as per recommendation of the Working Committee at its last meeting held at Calcutta in February, 1944, be directed to submit before 30-9-44 a report of the progress of the work done and an account of the money spent in connection therewith.

(d) Letter of Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta, Convener, Post-War Reconstruction Scheme Committee, re: Sanction of expenses to be incurred by the said Committee:

The Hony. General Secretary reported that Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta, the Convener of the Sub-Committee formed at the last meeting of the Working Committee held at Calcutta on 26th and 27th February, 1944, to give effect to resolution No. III passed at the Annual Conference at Ahmedabad (Re: Post-War Reconstruction Scheme) had informed him that a sum of nearly Rs. 600 would be required to meet the incidental expenses likely to be incurred by way of establishment, stationery, etc.

Resolved that a sum of Rs. 600 be sanctioned for the purpose and that provision be made for same in the next year's Budget.

(e) Position with regard to articles received for award of Dr. K. S. Ray Gold Medal at Cawnpore:

The Hony. General Secretary informed the house that in spite of a notice inviting articles for Dr. K. S. Ray Gold Medal on "Peurperal Sepsis" being published regularly in the Journal since last year, no appreciable response has yet been received. He expressed the hope, however that suitable articles would be forthcoming before the next Conference met at Cawnpore in December.

Resolved that the Provincial Secretaries be requested to kindly draw the attention of the members to the matter.

(f) Letter No. 11148-G-66-E-1936, dated the 31st May, '44 form the Inspector General of Civil Hospitals, U.P., in reply to our forwarding to him a copy of the Ahmedabad Conference Resolution No. 13:

Resolved that the above letter be recorded.

(g) Resolution passed by the East Godavari Branch of the I.M.A. re: Non-Eligibility of the Andhra University Graduates to the M.R.C.P. Examination last held in India:

(i) Resolved that the Hony. General Secretary be requested to obtain the information as to how many graduates had applied for appearing at the examination, who were refused and on what grounds was the permission refused.

(ii) Resolved further that the attention of the Indian Medical Council be drawn to the invidious distinction that had been made between the Graduates of the Andhra University and those of other Indian Universities in this matter.

(h) Confirmation of Mr. A. C. Ghosh, Typist-Clerk, after three months probation:

Resolved that Mr. A. C. Ghosh, typist-clerk, be confirmed in his appointment with effect from 2-5-44.

(i) Election of a Representative of I.M.A. to the Mosquito Control Advisory Committee of Calcutta Corporation:

Resolved that the matter be referred to the Calcutta branch of the I.M.A.

(j) & (k) Resolved that the matters be postponed to the next meeting of the Working Committee:

(l) Suggestions for Improving the Study of Medicine by the Bombay Branch of I.M.A.:

Resolved that the consideration of the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Working Committee and that, in the meantime, the suggestions of the Bombay branch be circulated to the branches for expression of opinion.

(m) Letter dated 306-44 from the Hony. Secretary, Hyderabad (Deccan) Branch:

The Hony. General Secretary read out the letter in which the Secretary of the Hyderabad branch had requested the W.C. and the C.C. to consider the possibilities of allowing affiliation of the local branch with the Hyderabad Medical Association (which was a separate organisation from the I.M.A.) on condition that they were allowed to have their own sets of rules.

Resolved that the opinion of Major M. G. Naidu and Col. Waghray, be obtained in the matter.

(n) Airgraph from the Secretary, Birmingham Indian Association:

The Hony. General Secretary read out the airgraph which he received from the Secretary of Medical Section of the Indian Association of Birmingham desiring their affiliation to the I.M.A. and his reply thereto.

Resolved that the correspondence be recorded.

(o) Capt. Shivapuri's letter No. 587/53/43-44 dated 4-7-44 re: Admission of Dentists as members of I.M.A.:

Resolved that consideration of the matter be deferred to next meeting of the Working Committee.

(p) Provident Fund Rules (I.M.A.) as approved by the Working Committee at its meeting held at Calcutta on the 26th & 27th February, 1944, and Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta's comments thereon.

Resolved that the amendments to the Provident Fund Rules, as proposed by Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, be adopted.

(q) Stenographer for the President:

Resolved that in the opinion of the W.C., the President should have the services of a Stenographer and that a sum of Rs. 20 p.m. be sanctioned for the purpose with retrospective effect from 1st June, 1944.

(s) Fixing of dates of Working Committee and Central Council Meetings in advance:

Resolved that the next meeting of the Working Committee and the Central Council be held at Delhi in October, 1944, on dates which will be two days ahead of the date of the next meeting of the Indian Medical Council.

(u) Cholera Epidemic in Bihar:

Dr. S. Samaddar, representative of the Patna Branch on the C.C., who was especially invited to attend the meeting of W.C. for the purpose of acquainting the members with the realities of the grave situation in Bihar, gave a full account of the conditions prevailing in North Bihar and also in some districts of South Bihar and urged upon the necessity of sending out, at least, 10 medical squads immediately to take up relief work in the epidemic-affected areas of the Province. He detailed the steps *which* his branch had taken in the matter and narrated how the Bihar Provincial Branch was acting in co-operation with the Central Co-ordinating Relief Committee of Bihar, to meet the situation. The Provincial Branch was in great need of funds to workers for the task they had undertaken.

After a thorough discussion of the subject, the Working Committee recommended to the Central Council that a sum of Rs. 1,000, out of the general funds of the Association be sanctioned for the purpose and sent to the Bihar Provincial Branch, I.M.A. for utilising same in the best way they thought proper.

Resolved further that an appeal be made to the branches of the Association for workers and funds in this behalf.

I.M.A. CENTRAL COUNCIL—Proceedings of the LXI meeting of the Central Council of the Indian Medical Association held at Madras (Hotel d' Madras) on 3rd September, 1944, at 10 a.m.

Members present—1. Rai Sahib Dr. S. N. Kaul (Lahore), President, in the chair; 2. Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta (Bombay); 3. Lt. Col. T. S. Shastri (Madras); 4. Capt. S. C. Sen (Delhi); 5. Dr. B. L. Kapoor (Lahore); 6. Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao (Guntur); 7. Dr. M. V. Natesan (Madras); 8. Dr. P. Krishnaswami (Madras); 9. Dr. P. S. Varadarajan (Madras); 10. Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan (Trichinopoly); 11. Dr. P. Veeriah Choudhury (Guntur); 12. Dr. P. Ramachandra Reddy (Nellore); 13. Dr. T. S. Shetty (Ramnad); 14. Dr. M. S. Wagle (Gadag); 15. Dr. Aghorenath Ghosh (Kankurgachi, Calcutta); 16. Dr. S. Samaddar (Patna); 17. Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Tirumurti (Madras), by invitation; 18. Dr. E. V. Sreenivasan (Madras), by invitation); 19. Dr. A. K. Rajagopalan, (Madura), by invitation; 20. Dr. A. Vishwanatham, (Madras), by invitation; 21. Dr. D. V. Venkappa (Madras), by invitation; 22. Dr. P. T. Raghavachari (Madras), by invitation; 23. U. Krishna Rao (Madras), by invitation; 24. Dr. K. L. Narayan Rao (Madras), by invitation; 25. Dr. Joseph Gannadhikam (Trichinopoly); and 26. Capt. P. B. Mukerji, Hony. General Secretary.

Messages of regret at inability to attend the meeting from Capt. S. K. Chaudhuri of Benares, Rai Sahib Dr. Sadhu Chand Vinayak of Ferozepur City, Dr. Jawaharlal Rohatgi of Cawnpore, Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta of Bombay, Capt. H. N. Shivapuri of Lucknow and Dr. R. A. Amesur of Karachi were read out by the Hony. General Secretary.

Before commencement of the business of the meeting, the following resolution was moved from the chair and unanimously passed, all standing:—

The Central Council of the Indian Medical Association place on record their deep sense of sorrow at the untimely demise of Dr. S. K. Rai Chaudhury of Sahajahanpur, Dr. Nalin Behari Aich of Barrackpore, Dr. Benarsi Das of Agra, Dr. A. C. Parikh, M.B.B.S. of Ahmedabad, Dr. K. S. Jani, L.C.P.S. of Ahmedabad, Dr. P. S. Varadachari of Madras, Dr. Bhusan Chandra Sadhu, L.M.P. and Dr. Haripada De, L.M.F. of Sitarampore; Dr. A. K. Rakshit, B.SC., M.B., D.M.R.E., L.M. and Dr. J. C. Aich of Calcutta; Dr. J. A. Deshmukh, L.M. & S. of Sholapur; Dr. Dinshaw Jahangirji Doctor, L.M. & S. of Surat; Dr. D. E. Anklesaria, L.M. & S., Dr. K. L. Pawar, L.C.P.S. and Dr. I. R. Pathak, L.C.P.S. of Ahmedabad, Dr. P. S. Janardhan, B.A., M.B.B.S. of Vizagapatam, Dr. W. R. Sahane,

M.S., Dr. S. G. Poonaokar, L.M.S. of Amraoti, Dr. F. Muhammad of Rajahmundry, Dr. B. S. Pataynaik of Berhampore, Dr. Mrs. T. Jones of Meerut, Dr. S. C. Das Gupta, Madhupur and Rai Sahib Dr. B. R. Saxena, L.M.P. of Cawnpore and convey their heartfelt sympathies to the members of the bereaved families.

Resolved that a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the members of the deceaseds' families.

1. *Confirmation of the Proceedings of the last meeting:* Resolved that the proceedings of the last meeting of the Central Council held at Ahmedabad on the 29th December, 1943, be confirmed.

Arising out of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Central Council held at Ahmedabad on the 29th December, 1943, the Hony. General Secretary reported that

(*a*) The Hony. Treasurer had obtained from the Central Bank of India Ltd., Calcutta a duplicate receipt for the Fixed Deposit amount of Rs. 5,582-12-9 which was lost or misplaced during the shifting of the office from the old premises to the present one. The bank was duly instructed to withhold payment on the lost receipt, if presented to them for encashment. The lost receipt had, however, been found out since and filed with the Central Bank of India Ltd., Calcutta, as desired by them, for cancellation.

(*b*) that the Hony. Treasurer had also obtained a certificate from the Central Bank of India Ltd. stating that they held investment of the Association amounting to Rs. 19,000 (face value) on 31st December, 1943, as was required by the Auditors in their remarks on the Balance Sheet of the Association, dated 18-12-43.

(*c*) that the House rent had also been adjusted in the accounts of the Central and Journal Departments.

(*d*) that Messrs. Chakrabarty Chaudhury and Co., Registered Accountants, Calcutta, had been appointed Auditors of the Association on a remuneration of Rs. 100 per annum for auditing the accounts of the Association once a year only at the Association office.

(*e*) that, as directed by the Central Council at its last meeting, all the branches of the Indian Medical Association were requested to change their names to "..... Branch, Indian Medical Association" if they had not done so already, so that their relationship with the parent body might be emphasised.

(*f*) that the Cawnpore branch of the Indian Medical Association had officially intimated the Headquarters that they were making arrangements for the next Session of the All-India Medical Conference to be held at Cawnpore during the Christmas week of 1944. The notice of the Conference has already appeared in the pages of the Journal.

(*g*) that the Memorandum on Sickness Insurance Scheme of the Government of India, prepared by the Sub-Committee appointed for the purpose at Ahmedabad in December, 1943, had been forwarded to the Government of India, as representing the final and considered views of the Indian Medical Association on the subject.

(*h*) that the matter of "Appointment of a Special Committee for consideration of the question of Post-War Reconstruction in Medical and Public Health Matters in India" was, as desired by the last annual meeting of the Central Council placed before the Subjects Committee of the Ahmedabad Conference and, consequent upon a resolution passed by the latter a Sub-Committee consisting of the following members was formed to go into the matter:—

1. Dr. K. S. Ray, Calcutta; 2. Dr. U. B. Narayana Rao, Bombay; 3. Capt. S. C. Sen, Delhi; 4. Dr. K. K. Dadachanji, Bombay; 5. Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta, Bombay and 6. Dr. P. K. Guha, Calcutta.

(*i*) that, pursuant to the resolution passed by the Central Council at its Ahmedabad meeting on 29-12-43, he had placed before the Working Committee at its meeting held at Calcutta on 26-2-44 and 27-2-44, a scheme for starting a General Provident Fund for the whole-time employees of the Association which was approved of by the Committee. The matter, he reported, had figured again in the Agenda of the Working Committee at Madras on 1-9-44 and 2-9-44 for discussion of some points raised by Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta and the final recommendations of the Committee on the subject would come up before the present meeting of the Council under item No. 3.

(*j*) that the President's appeal for volunteer doctors through the Press had been sent to the Secretaries of all the branches of the Association with a request to kindly acquaint every individual member of the branches with the appeal and to communicate to the Headquarters the names and addresses of doctors who would volunteer their services for relief work in the epidemic-affected areas of Bengal. All informations with regard to posting orders, authorities to whom to report for duty, railway and other routes to be followed in reaching station of work, etc., were assured to them.

The terms and conditions offered by the Government of Bengal, as contained in their letters dated 27th November, 1943 and 14th January, 1944, were as follows:

(1) The appointments are temporary.

(2) *Pay and Allowances*

(*i*) for a Graduate Rs. 200 p.m. plus Rs. 25 p.m. as charge allowance, and

(*ii*) for a Registered Diploma holder Rs. 134 p.m. plus Rs.25 p.m. extra allowance as fixed T.A. if engaged for work of preventive measures requiring lots of touring.

(1) *Free quarters*—Medical Officers to be provided with unfurnished free quarters where available or in lieu thereof receive Rs. 30 per month as House Allowance.

(2) *Travelling Allowance*—Travelling allowance to be allowed to these officers for journeys from their place of business to the hospitals they will work and back on termination of their services.

3. *Tenure of service*—The appointment will be temporary and not to be for less than six months.

Since these terms shewed different scales of pay for Graduates and Licentiates for doing the same work under identical conditions, the General Secretary approached the Surgeon-General with the Government of Bengal with the following suggestions for modifying the above terms:—

(*a*) the Government would pay to the Association Rs. 200 per month for every doctor that the Association would recruit for them plus T.A., free unfurnished quarters and rations at controlled prices at the places where they would work.

(*b*) The Association would pay the doctors according to the scheme in the President's appeal, *viz.*, Rs. 100 as pocket allowance and free board and lodging and a life Assurance cover of Rs. 10,000 for each worker.

These suggestions were, however, not accepted by the Government of Bengal.

During the course of two months that followed, the Association forwarded the names and addresses of 84 doctors who had very kindly volunteered their services for relief work to the Surgeon-General but the latter issued posting orders to only 44 of them. The efforts of the Association in the recruitment-drive was greatly hampered due to the request of the Surgeon-General to withohld sending names of non-Bengali-speaking doctors as they were expected to work in Bengal villages. This fact together with a threat of conscription of medical men, made by the Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge of Public Health and Local Self-Government, Bengal, in his speech in the Bengal Legislative Council on 1-3-44, was strongly protested by the Hony. General Secretary and the protest letter was published in the Journal for the information of the members.

The General Secretary further wanted to point out that the Bombay branch of the Indian Medical Association paid great respect to the President by sending doctors whose lives they had insured for Rs. 10,000 each, out of their own general funds.

2. *Unfinished portion of previous meeting of Central Council: Letters dated 20th, 24th and 31st August, 1943, from Secretaries of Tinnevelly, Coimbatore and Tanjore branches respectively, forwarding copies of resolution re: amalgamation of All-India Medical Licentiates' Association and the Indian Medical Association.*

The Central Council discussed the question in all its bearings and endorsed the following resolution of the Working Committee on this subject:—

The Indian Medical Association would welcome the proposal of amalgamation of the two Associations, and would be glad to move further in the matter, if a resolution to that effect is passed at the next annual Conference of the A.I.M.L.A.

Resolved further that this Association is in favour of and would welcome such a step.

3. *Agenda and Proceedings of the Meetings of the Working Committee held at Calcutta on the 26th and 27th February, 1944, and at Madras on 1st and 2nd September, 1944:*

The General Secretary stated that the Agenda and Proceedings of the twelfth meeting of the Working Committee had already been circulated and he placed before the house the Agenda and the Proceedings of the thirteenth meeting of the Working Committee held at Madras on 1st and 2nd September, 1944.

Resolved that the proceedings of the twelfth meeting of the Working Committee held at Calcutta on the 26th and 27th February, 1944, be approved.

Resolved further that the Proceedings of the thirteenth meeting of the Working Committee held at Madras on 1st and 2nd September, 1944, be approved with the following addition:

Item No. 5. The Central Council approved of the decision of the Working Committee and directs that the branches should send their replies within three months after which if no reply is received, it will be taken for granted that the branch is in favour of deletion.

4. *Formation of Branches:*

The General Secretary reported that the following new branches had been formed since the last meeting of the Central Council:—

(*a*) Jehanabad and Purulia in Bihar Provincial Branch; Palanpur in North Gujrat and Shikohabad in U.P. Provincial Branch.

(*b*) Kapurthala, Jhang, Jaranwala, Nowshehra and Abbotabad under Punjab Provincial Branch; Deoband, Fyzabad under U.P. Provincial Branch; Hazipur, Buxar and Madhubani under Bihar Provincial Branch; Bhimavaram, Ongle and Tenali under Andhra Provincial Branch; Mardan, Jaipur, Broach, Nadiad and Ahmednagar direct branches under headquarters.

Resolved that, as recommended by the Working Committee, the formation of the above branches be approved, subject to the formalities prescribed under rule 6-C(*a*) being complied with in full.

5. *President's action in connection with representations of Indian Medical Association on the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, Government of India.*

Resolved that the action of the President be approved.

I.M.A., WORKING COMMITTEE—Proceedings of the fourteenth meeting of the Working Committee of the Indian Medical Association held at Delhi Medical Association House, Darayaganj, Delhi, on Saturday the 14th October, 1944, at 5 p.m.:

Members present—1. Rai Sahib Dr. S. N. Kaul, Lahore (President) in the chair; 2. Dr. K. S. Ray, Calcutta; 3. Dr. B. C. Roy, Calcutta; 4. Capt. H. N. Shivapuri, Lucknow; 5. Dr. Mohd. Nawaz Khan, Lyallpur; 6. Dr. B. L. Kapoor, Lahore, co-opted under Rule 15-II-A(*c*); 7. Rai Bahadur Dr. T. N. Banerji, Patna (by invitation); 8. Dr. Ved Prokash, Delhi, (by invitation); 9. Capt. S. C. Sen, Delhi, co-opted under Rule 15-II-A(*c*).

In the absence of the Hony. General Secretary, Dr. S. C. Sen, the Hony. Joint Secretary, officiated.

Messages of regret at inability to attend the meeting from Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta (Bombay), Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta (Bombay), Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao (Guntur), Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Tirumurti (Madras) and Capt. P. B. Mukerji, the Hony. General Secretary (Calcutta) were read out by the Hony. Jt.-Secretary.

Before commencement of the business of the meeting, the following resolution was moved from the chair and unanimously passed, all standing:—

The Indian Medical Association place on record their deep sense of sorrow at the untimely demise of Dr. T. Wells of Poona, Dr. S. M. Kumaraswamy, L.M. & S. of Madura and Dr. J. C. Lahiri, L.M.P. of Rangpur and convey their heartfelt sympathies to the members of the bereaved families.

Resolved that a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the members of the deceaseds' families.

1. *Confimation of the Proceedings of the last Meeting:*

Resolved that the proceedings of the last meeting of the Working Committee held at Madras on 1st and 2nd September, 1944, be confirmed.

Arising out of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Working Committee held at Madras on 1st & 2nd September, 1944, the Hony. Joint Secretary reported that the letter to His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, pointing out the inaccuracies in his statement made before the Council of State *re.* absence of any representation from the I.M.A. concerning inadequacy and insufficiency of the terms and conditions of Service in the Emergency cadre of the Indian Medical Service, had not been sent as the specific questions which were put by the Hon'ble Lala Ramsarandas, M.C.S., and to which the statement of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief was an answer, could not be procured. He informed the house that the President had undertaken to interview the Hon'ble Member and obtain from him the precise questions that he had put before the Council.

The Hony. Joint Secretary then reported that, as directed by the Working Committee, a notice had again been issued to different branches for favour of their opinion on the amendment of Rule 10-A(*b*), as proposed by the Bengal Provincial Branch, with the proviso as laid down by the Working Committee.

He further reported that another circular inviting the opinions of the branches in the matter of amendment of Rule 17-C(*a*), proposed by the Headquarters, had been issued, according to the direction of the Working Committee.

The Joint Secretary informed the house that the reply to the Questionnaires received from the Health Survey and Development Committee as approved by the Working Committee at its meeting held at Madras on 1st & 2nd September, 1944, had been duly forwarded to the Secretary of the Committee as representing the considered views of the Indian Medical Association on the subject.

He further informed the members present that, under direction from the Working Committee, Demand Post Cards have again been issued to individual defaulting members shewing the amounts due against them and requesting them to pay up or accept the next issue of the Journal which will be sent by V.P.P. No reply had, however, been received from any of these members yet.

With regard to the Scheme to be drawn up by the Hony. General Secretary, and the President on the subject of permanent location of Headquarters, appointment of a wholetime Secretary, Full T.A. to members of W.C. & C.C. and other consequential matters, the Hony. Joint Secretary reported that the matter required more time that the Hony. General Secretary could find between the last meeting of the Working Committee and the present one and that the same will be circulated to the proper quarters, as advised by the Working Committee, for favour of opinions when the whole thing was ready after due consultation with the President. He informed the house, however, that the President and the Hony. General Secretary had already started exchange of ideas on the subject and hoped to prepare a draft scheme before long.

The Hony. Joint Secretary further reported that, as desired by a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Working Committee on the subject of acute scarcity of x'ray films, the D.G., I.M.S. has been written to with a request to release reserve stock of x'ray films and the Rawalpindi and the Punjab Provincial Branches have been duly informed of the action taken.

He informed the members present that no reply had yet been received from the Advisor to His Excellency the Governor of Madras who had been written to by the President in the matter of the Madras Government Ban.

He further reported that, in pursuance to the resolution passed by the Working Committee, the Journal Committee has been requested to inform the members through the pages of

the Journal the causes that have been responsible for the irregularities in the publication of several of the recent issues of the Journal and to comment editorially on these causes.

The Hony Joint Secretary informed the house, that, under direction from the Working Committee, he had requested the Secretaries of these branches which had received special grant for intensive membership drive in particular areas, as per recommendation of the Working Committee at its meeting held at Calcutta in February, 1944, to submit before 30-9-44 a report of the progress of work done by them. In this connection he placed before the house the reply received by him from the Hony. Secretary, Andhra Provincial Branch.

He further reported that (in pursuance to resolution passed by the Working Committee) a circular had been issued to all the Provincial Secretaries with a request to draw the attention of all members under their respective jurisdictions, to the notice for Dr. K. S. Ray Gold Medal appearing in the pages of the Journal so that appreciable response might be received by way of contributions from workers and investigators on the subject of the competition.

The Hony. Joint Secretary informed the house that the attention of the Indian Medical Council has been drawn to the inviduous distinction that had been made between the Graduates of the Andhra University and those of other Indian Universities in the matter of eligibility for the M.R.C.P. examination recently held in India. The information as to how many Andhra University Graduates had applied for appearing at the Examination, how many had been refused permission and on what grounds, etc., have not yet been received either from the East Godavari Dt. Branch which raised the question or from the Indian Medical Council.

He further informed that the question of election of a representative of the I.M.A. to the Mosquito Control Advisory Committee of the Calcutta Corporation has been referred to the Calcutta branch.

He reported further that the suggestions for improving the study of Medicine, put forward by the Bombay Branch of I.M.A. have been circulated to the branches for expression of opinion on the subject—but no reply had yet been received.

The Hony. Joint Secretary informed the house that, as directed by the Working Committee, he sought the opinion of Major M. G. Naidu and Lt.-Col. K. N. Waghray re. possibilities of amalgamation or affiliation of the Hyderabad Medical Association with the existing branch of the Indian Medical Association at Hyderabad and that the joint reply received from them on the subject would come up for discussion as a separate item in the Agenda of the present meeting.

In conclusion, the Hony. Joint Secretary reported that, under direction of the Working Committee and the Central Council, a sum of Rs. 1000/-, out of the general funds of the Association, has already been sent to the Hony. Provincial Secretary, Bihar Provincial Branch, Patna, for utilisation in relief work in the cholera affected areas in Bihar. He further informed that an appeal has been issued to the branches of the Association for workers and funds for relief work in the affected areas of Bihar and that the total collection up-to-date amounted to Rs. 1,901|- as per statement given below:—

1. Dr. P. Rama Rao, Rs. 100; 2. Lt.-Col. K. G. Pandalai, Rs. 250; 3. Annonymous, Rs. 200; 4. Lt-Col. T. S. Shastry, Rs. 100; 5. Dr. C. Vishawanathan Menon, Rs. 50; 6. Dr. P. T. Raghavachari, Rs. 25; 7. Dr. P. S. Varadarajan, Rs. 50; 8. R.B. Dr. T. S. Tirumurti, Rs. 50; 9. Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, Rs. 125; 10. Dr. T. S. Shetty, Rs. 50; 11. Capt. S. C. Sen, Rs. 250; 12. The Antiseptic, Rs. 200; 13. Dr. P. Veeriah Choudhury (Andhra Provincial Branch), Rs. 200; 14. Capt. Vidyasagar, Rs. 100; 15. Rai Sahib Dr. S. N. Kaul, Rs. 101; 16. The Secretary, Bhagalpore Br., Rs. 50; Total Rs. 1901.

2. (*i*) *Interpretation of the Resolution passed by the Working Committee at its Meeting held at Calcutta on 15-7-42 re. enhanced Journal contribution:*

(ii) *Extract from Capt. Shivapuri's letter No. 549/53/43-44 dated 26-6-44:*

With the permission of the President these items were taken up together.

The Hony. Secretary reported that the point raised by the U. P. Provincial Branch is whether a member enrolled from 2nd half of the year should pay the whole of the enhanced rate of annas eight only for the full year or annas four only for the corresponding half year. In this connection, he informed that all the Provincial branches except U. P. follows the latter interpretation *i.e.* they pay annas four only for the 2nd half of year.

Resolved that in the opinion of the Working Committee the enhanced Journal contribution of -/8/- only per year per member has to be paid by the branch at the beginning of the Association year and that, for new members the same amount of -/8/- only has to be paid by the branch concerned irrespective of the time when the member joins. Resolved further that this will be in force from 1st October, 1944.

(*iii*) *Capt. Shivapuri's letter No. 587/53/43-44, dated 4-7-44 re. admission of dentists as members of I.M.A.:*

Resolved that the proposal be postponed for two years. meanwhile, full information may be obtained regarding the practice of dentistry, registration, necessary qualifications etc. etc.

3. *Formation of Branches:*

The Hony. Joint Secretary informed the house that the following branches were formed since the last meeting of the Working Committee:—Bangaon and Kandar (Burdwan) in Bengal and Amalapuram in Andhra Province.

Resolved that the Working Committee recommends to the Central Council that the formation of the above branches be approved, subject to the formalities prescribed under rule 6-C(*a*) being complied with in full.

4. *Announcement of the names of the President and the Vice-Presidents for the year 1944-45:*

Resolved that the announcement will be made by the Central Council.

5. *Venue and date of the XXII All-India Medical Conference:*

The Joint Secretary reported that according to Rule 21-A(*b*) a circular was sent to the branches of the I.M.A. for inviting the XXII Session of the All-India Medical Conference. The Calcutta branch offered to hold the Conference during the X'mas week of 1945.

Resolved that the letter be considered at a subsequent meeting of the Working Committee along with invitation from other branches that may be received. Resolved further that a reminder be sent to the branches.

6. (*a*) *Consideration of letter dated 25-8-44 from the Hony. Secretary, Andhra Provincial Branch, I.M.A. re. formation of a Madras Andhra Branch of I.M.A. at Madras separate from the existing Madras Branch:*

Resolved that the formation of a Madras Andhra Provincial Branch at Madras, separate from the existing Madras branch as proposed by the Hony. Provincial Secretary of the Andhra Provincial Branch, cannot be accepted and the Hony. General Secretary be requested to send a reply on the line suggested by him.

(*b*) *Demise of Dr. T. Wells, M.B.B.S. (Poona), a volunteer doctor recruited through the I.M.A. for famine relief work in Bengal:*

Resolved that Bombay branch be requested to supply all the informations re. the financial position of Mrs. Wells, the number of children etc. Resolved further that the matter be taken up at the next meeting.

(*c*) *Consideration of writing off Rs. 21/- the arrears of Central Fund contribution in respect of some members of Trichinopoly Branch:*

Resolved that the amount be written off.

(*d*) *Application from the staff for grant of Pooja Bonus:*

Resolved that the matter be postponed till the next meeting of the Working Committee.

(*e*) *Opinions received from Lt.-Col. K. N. Waghray and Major M. G. Naidu re. consideration of the question of allowing Hyderabad Branch to amalgamate with Hyderabad Medical Association and their subsequent affiliation with the Indian Medical Association:*

Resolved that further letter be written to the Hony. Secy. Hyderabad Branch of I.M.A. to elicit the difficulties felt by the members of the Hyderabad Medical Association (separate from the existing branch of I.M.A.) in joining hands with

I.M.A. Resolved further that the Working Committee agrees with the views of the Hony. General Secretary on the subject.

(f) Consideration of the suggestion made by Dr. K. Mitra, Patna, re. Public Health and Nutrition. Representation of I.M.A. representative on Nutrition Advisory Committee of I.R.F.A.:

Resolved that Capt. S. C. Sen be requested to take necessary steps in the matter.

(g) Consideration of suggestions put forward by Dr. G. Dasilva re. suspension of meetings of Working Committee and Central Council during the emergency period:

Resolved that the letter be recorded.

(h) Consideration of the letter dated 28-9-44 from Dr. K. A. Shah of Ahemedabad:

Resolved that the Hony. General Secretary be authorised to deal with the matter.

(i) Consideration of letter from the Secretary, Drugs Technical Advisory Board:

Resolved that the letter be recorded.

(j) The attention of the Working Committee was drawn by Capt. Shivapuri to the fact that no priority has been given to medical supplies for civil purposes by the G.I.P. Rly. for goods traffic:

With the permission of the President this question was taken up for consideration by the Working Committee.

Resolved that Dr. S. C. Sen and Capt. Shivapuri be authorised to take up this question at the Drug Control Advisory Committee meeting on 24-10-44.

I.M.A., CENTRAL COUNCIL—Proceedings of the LXII meeting of the Central Council of the Indian Medical Association held at Delhi Medical Association House, Daryagunj, Delhi, on Sunday, the 15th October, 1944, at 10 A.M.:

Members Present—1. Rai Sahib Dr. S. N. Kaul, President (in the chair). 2. Dr. K. S. Ray, Calcutta. 3. Dr. Bhupal Singh, Meerut. 4. Capt. H. N. Shivapuri, Lucknow. 5. Dr. B. L. Kapur, Lahore. 6. Dr. Mohd. Nawaz Khan, Layallpur. 7. Dr. Ved Prokash, Delhi. 8. Dr. A. N. Ghosh, Calcutta. 9. Dr. H. L. Khosla, Delhi (by invitation). 10. Dr. D. Ram, Patna (by invitation). 11. Dr. U. B. Narayan Rao, Bombay (by invitation). 12. Capt. S. C. Sen, Delhi, Hony. Joint Secretary.

In the absence of the Hony. General Secretary, Dr. S. C. Sen, the Hony. Joint Secretarry officiated.

Messages of regret at inability to attend the meeting from Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta of Bombay, Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta of Bombay Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao of Guntur, Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Tirumurti of Madras and Capt. P. B. Mukerji, Hony. General Secretary, were read out by the Hony. Jt. Secretary.

Before commencement of the business of the meeting, the following resolution was moved from the chair and unanimously passed, all standing:—

The Indian Medical Association place on record their deep sense of sorrow at the untimely demise of Dr. T. Wells of Poona, Dr. S. M. Kumararswamy, L.M. & S. of Madura and Dr. J. C. Lahiri, L.M.P. of Rangpur and convey their heartfelt sympathies to the members of the bereaved families.

Resolved that copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the members of the deceaseds' families.

1. *Confirmation of the proceedings of the last Meeting:*

Resolved that the proceedings of the last meeting held at Madras on 3rd September, 1944, be confirmed.

2. *Formation of Branches:*

The Joint Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Central Council the following new branches have been formed:—

Bangaon and Kandar (Burdwan) in Bengal and Amalapuram in Andhra Province.

Resolved that, as recommended by the Working Commitee, the formation of the above branches be approved, subject to the formalities prescribed under rule 6-C(*a*) being complied with in full.

3. *Announcement of the names of the President and the Vice-Presidents for the year 1944-45:*

On the report of the Working Committee, it was resolved that the following member be declared duly elected to the office of the President of the Association for the year 1944-45, having received the largest number of votes from the branches:

President—Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta (Bombay).

The Hony. Joint Secretary reported that for the offices of the Vice-Presidents, the following members had secured the maximum number of votes, as shewn against their names:—

1. Capt. S. K. Chaudhury (Benares)—24.
2. Dr. C. C. Ghosh, (Peshawar)—22.
3. Lt.-Col. K. N. Waghray (Hyderabad-Dn.)—13.

Resolved that the above three members be declared elected Vice-Presidents of the Indian Medical Association for the year 1944-45.

4. *Venue and date of the XXII All-India Medical Conference:*

The Hony. Joint Secretary reported that according to Rule 21-A(*b*) a circular was sent to the branches of the I.M.A. for inviting the XXII session of the All-India Medical Conference and that the Calcutta Branch offered to hold the Conference during the X'mas week of 1945.

Resolved that the letter be considered at a subsequent meeting of the Central Council along with invitation from other branches that may be received. Resolved further that a reminder be sent to the branches.

5. *Agenda and Proceedings of the Meeting of the Working Committee held at Delhi on 14th October, 1944:*

Resolved that the proceedings of the Working Committee be approved.

6. *Miscellaneous:*

(*a*) *Letter dated 12-10-44 from Dr. A. N. Ghosh, M.B., President, Kankurgachi Branch:*

The President read out a letter from Dr. A. N. Ghosh of Calcutta making an offer of Rs. 500/- to start as nucleus of a fund to commemorate the memory of Sir Nilratan Sircar.

Resolved that the Cortal Council accepts the offer with gratitude and thanks the donor for it and directs the Hony. General Secretary to formulate a scheme and the expenses incurred in it in conjunction with Dr. A. N. Ghosh and Dr. K. S. Ray.

(*b*) *Volunteer doctors for relief work in Bihar:*

Dr. D. Ram from Patna drew the attention of the house to the epidemic of cholera raging in some parts of Bihar and gave an account of the relief activities of the Bihar Provincial Branch, I.M.A. He urged the President to secure the services of volunteer doctors whose dirth was keenly felt.

The Central Council gave a thorough discussion to the subject and it was resolved that the following appeal be sent to the press in the name of the President:—

"10 medical men are wanted urgently for about three months for medical relief work in Bihar.

Terms—Rs. 300|- per month with free board, lodging and T.A.

The President of the I.M.A. requests volunteers to correspond immediately with the Hony. General Secretary, I.M.A., 23, Hindusthan Buildings, Calcutta."

ASSOCIATION NOTES

AHMEDABAD BRANCH—Annual Report 1943-44:

The most noteworthy achievement of the year under review has been the holding of the 20th All-India Medical Conference in our city. The Conference was well attended and was an all round success.

The Problem of Nutrition received special attention by the Committee during the year. At a meeting of the medical profession held under the auspices of our Society, a Special Nutrition Committee was appointed to study the problem of nutrition arising out of Rationing. In this connection His Excellency, the Governor of Bombay, to whom, amongst others, we had communicated the findings of our Committee, desired an interview with a representative of our Society. Dr. R. A. Desai who interviewed the Governor on behalf of the Society had an important discussion on various nutritional problems arising out of Rationing. The practical achievement of the interview has been the appointment of a Nutrition Committee by the Government to which three members of our Society *viz.*, Drs. K. A. Shah, R. B. Mehta, R. A. Desai are representatives. Our Society has also been represented on Food Advisory Committee and the Price Control Committee by Drs. R. A. Desai and M. D. Patel respectively.

Similar representation was asked for by the Gujarat Madhyastha Samiti, and three members of our Society *viz.*, Drs. M. D. Patel, G. B. Mohile, P. R. Trivedi have been represented on the Medical Committee to be formed for the Province of Gujarat.

Four representatives of our Society *viz.*, Drs. R. P. Dalal, P. P. Sheth, R. A. Desai and P. R. Trivedi had also important interview with the Industrial Health Survey Committee of the Government of India and discussed various problems such as health and habitations of industrial workers, Health and Sickness Insurance etc.

A representation was also made to the District Magistrate, as the kerosene permits of members were cancelled, resulting in recontinuance of the same, and a similar representation for sugar permits was also met with success.

During the year under review the Drug Control Order came into force. The Managing Committee drew the attention of the Government and the Indian Medical Association to various difficulties experienced by medical men as a result of the restrictive order. Similar representations were made by several branches of I. M. A. Changes in some of the clauses of the order have been made by Government and the same have appeared in the Journal of our Association.

The Area Rationing Authority requested the Society to supply them with the data regarding Petrol, Tubes & Tyres for the members. The complete data have been supplied. However, we regret that in spite of our reminders nothing further has been heard so far from the authorities.

A Building Committee has been formed to find out ways and means to raise a building for the Society. The Committee has met once and their work is in progress.

In order to increase the membership of our Society the clinical meetings were kept open for non-members during the year, and the dates and the subjects of the meetings were announced in local papers.

During the year 7 general and 12 clinical meetings were held.

In the clinical meetings held on various dates Dr. R. B. Mehta, M.R.C.P., D.T.M. & H. spoke on My interest in occult and allied sciences and their usefulness in the cure of human sufferings, Dr. K. A. Shah, M.B.B.S. on In search of a substitute for Quinine, Prof. Asana, M.SC. on Some strange faculties of human mind, Dr. C. D. Patadia, M.B.B.S. on Clinical picture of diphtheria, Dr. P. P. Sheth, F.R.C.S. (ENG.) on T. B. glands, Dr. P. M. Mehta, M.D., F.C.P.S. on Charak Sanhita, Dr. S. B. Shah, M.S. on T. B. spine, Dr. R. A. Desai, M.R.C.P. (LOND.) on Precordial pain, Dr. M. D. Patel, F.R.C.S. (ENG.) on Abdominal pain and its differential diagnosis and Dr. K. A. Shah, M.B.B.S. on Quantitative aspect of Rationing.

The total number of members on roll last year was 178. During the year under report 27 new members were added to the list. Five members expired during the year, thus the total number of members is 200.

The Reception Committee of the 20th All-India Medical Conference donated a sum of Rs. 6000/- to the Society.

AMRITSAR BRANCH—Annual report for 1943-44:

The year started with membership of 53. Two left Amritsar and one joined the military department. Thus the membership dwindled to 50. 17 new members were enlisted and 1 member was transferred from Lahore, the present membership standing at 68.

11 ordinary and 4 emergent meetings were held. One ordinary meeting had to be adjourned due to the promulgation of Section 144 in the city. Five lectures were delivered during the session and the subjects discussed were:—Pyelitis by Dr. F. C. Shori. Rheumatic Heart by Dr. Mela Ram Sonak. Diseases common to Man and Animals by Dr. R. R. Goulatia. A. P. & P. P. in Pulmonary and Abdominal Tuberculosis by Dr. Mela Ram Sonak.

A symposium on Syphilis was held at The Ram Lal Free Eye Hospital. Cases were brought by Dr. R. L. Manchanda and Dr. M. L. Kapur. The lecturers did their best to deal with all aspects of the subject and lively discussions took place on all occasions.

The first important resolution to be passed in the first general meeting of the session was to increase the annual subscription from Rs. 6|- to Rs. 8|-. This was done on account of the increase in the Central subscription and general expenses.

Drugs Control Order 1943 had been the chief pivot of Association activities as it perturbed the members and the information was too often sought from the Secretary and the Executive. The Executive did its best to get full information and its representatives, *i.e.*, President, Secretary and Capt. Manackshaw waited upon the D.C. and submitted a Memorandum. As it was an All-India question a uniform policy was adopted by the Central body in consultation with the Under-Secretary to the Government of India who definitely clarified the position of the Registered Medical Practitioners. Accordingly the members were advised to take Purchase Licenses only.

A letter inviting the suggestions of this branch for Post-War Medical Relief at Amritsar was received and the house decided unanimously that the Secretary Post-War Sub-committee be informed that unless a representative of I.M.A., the most representative body of medical men is taken on the Committee the association did not propose to discuss the letter and submit any suggestions. The Secretary then asked us to send one elected representative of our branch. The house decided that the President should represent the branch on this Sub-Committee. In response to the suggestions by Capt. Segat the Sub-Committee recommended that Hony. Physicians and Surgeons from amongst the independent medical practitioners be appointed to the new Hospital on equal footings with the paid staff.

Another committee under the name of Drugs Advisory Committee was formed with D.C. as chairman. Our branch was asked to send two representatives on it. The president and Dr. Chuni Lal Bhatia were elected to act as representatives of the association. One such meeting was attended by the president who advised the local chemists to issue medicines on the prescription of the Registered Medical Practitioners only.

You can thus imagine Ladies and Gentlemen that the importance of the I.M.A. is being felt and we should not relax our efforts to make it a still more important and representative body.

The Central body of the Association approached the Government of India to secure liberal supply of petrol for the members and a letter from the War Transport Department was issued to all Provincial Governments and Chief Commissioners that petrol supply be made liberal to medical practitioners.

The Secretary and the President approached the A.D.M. for the additional supply of sugar for our dispensaries. Necessary sanction was obtained and the members who have got dispensaries are getting their extra quota.

Ladies and Gentlemen, the activities of our branch were not limited to its social and scientific aspects only. When the cries of millions of famine stricken people of Bengal reached us we lost no time in collecting and remitting a sum of no less than Rs. 660|-. It was made possible through the untiring efforts of our worthy president and Dr. Jugal Kishore Nayyar and the members donating generously towards this fund. I am glad to announce that our branch leads almost all the branches, not only of this province but India as a whole.

The Executive gave the practical shape to the resolution of the Association to start a library. Dr. Kesho Ram Khanna was elected the Library Secretary and he had done his best to make it a success. Rs. 436|14|- were transferred to the Library Fund and through the efforts of the president and Dr. Kesho Ram, Rs. 391|- were collected as a special donation from the members. It is earnestly hoped that in years to come the library will begin to function and the members will feel interested and try to derive utmost benefit from this enterprise of the Association. There were some housing difficulties for the library and for this Dr. Balbir Chand Bhandari offered his clinic for which he deserves our special thanks.

The Secretary brought to the notice of the house the Dangerous Drugs Act 1940 by which the registered medical practitionars are required to keep an account of the dangerous drugs as Cocaine, Morphine and its derivatives.

A few letters were received from the Dispensers Association, Amritsar, in which the dispensers employed by the members demanded some previleges regarding pay and leave, etc. The letters were discussed and appropriate reply was sent to them.

In the recent outbreak of Cholera in the city the members felt a little difficulty due to the order of the D.C. demanding the immediate removal of cholera cases to the Infectious Diseases Hospital. The members thought that due to this order they could not discharge their duty properly, so it was decided that the president should see the M.O.H. and lay the viewpoints of the association before him. M.O.H. was quite courteous to the president and expressed his desire to address the house. Accordingly an emergent meeting of the association was called and frank discussions took place between the M.O.H. and the members. The M.O.H. promised to see that the members are not harassed in any way and requested members to co-operate with the Health Authorities in both prophylactic and curative treatment of Cholera cases. Members offered to do honorary work of inoculation and suggested certain improvements in the Infectious Diseases Hospital. They also suggested the necessity of an ambulance car for the immediate removal of cases to the hospital. The Health Officer promised to convey to the Municipal Committee the suggestions, and see that the needful was done.

U.P. PROVINCIAL BRANCH—First meeting of the Working Commitee of the U.P. Provincial Branch Council held on 8-10-44 with Dr. B. N. Vyas, the President, in the Chair:

The following business was transacted:—

The Proceedings of the last meeting of the Working Committee held at Lucknow on August 27, 1944, were confirmed and the quarterly accounts for July, August and September, 1904 passed.

The Annual Accounts for 1943-44 were adopted.

The Secretary then read out his Annual Report for 1943-44 which was adopted unanimously.

Supply of Quinine Substitutes in U.P.—(*a*) The Director of Public Health, U.P. had written to this office that the Government of U.P. were now able to supply Mepacrine Hydrochloride (B.P.) and Quinacrine Hydrochloride (U.S.P.) to Practitioners at cheap rates. A copy of Government notification is circulated to all Branches for information of members on this subject.

(*b*) A letter from Deputy Secretary to the U.P. Government was read regarding the cancellation of Licenses in cases where a chemist holds both Wholesalers and Retailers License.

The Committee agreed in principle, but asked the Secretary to represent to the Government that this should not apply in the case of Co-operative Medical Stores, Ltd., Lucknow, as their conditions of sale are quite different.

(*c*) The Secretary placed before the Working Committee the list of Drugs prepared by Dr. C. Mehta of Bombay, which should not be sold without a doctor's prescription. This Committee agreed with the list except that vitamin preparations and cod-liver oil be excluded from the List. The Secretary was asked to inform Dr. Mehta accordingly.

(*d*) The Secretary read out the programme of the next U.P. Provincial Medical Conference to be held at Jhansi on Saturday and Sunday, October 28th and 29th, 1944.

The Secretary placed a Priority Scheme for sending goods by Luggage as advertised by the G. I. P. Railway. Evidently the same or similar scheme is being enforced on all Indian Railways with effect from October 1, 1944. Drugs are not mentioned at all in the long list, which means that Medicines have no priority at all.

The Committee decided to protest against this and the Secretary was asked to send a strong protest to all concerned.

The members present were entertained to a very nice tea by Dr. H. Hukku at whose residence the meeting was held.

SHAJAHANPUR BRANCH—At the annual meeting the following office-bearers were elected for the year 1944-45:

President—Rai Saheb Dr. S. C. Sen. *Vice-Presidents*—Dr. T. S. Saxena and Dr. J. N. Saxena. *Secretary*—Dr. B. P. Saxena. *Representative to the Central Council*—Dr. S. C. Sen. *Representative to the Provincial Council*—Dr. T. S. Saxena.

Dr. S. N. SEN GOLD MEDAL

In memory of his deceased son, Dr. S. N. Sen, B.SC., M.B. (CAL.), Kaisar-i-Hind of Jamalpur (Dist. Monghyr) E. I. Ry., has desired us to announce the offer of a Gold Medal for the best paper to be read at the 1945 session of the All-India Medical Conference to be held at Amritsar during Christmas week, on "INTESTINAL OBSTRUCTION AND OTHER COMPLICATIONS OF APPENDICITIS, HOW TO PREVENT AND TREAT SUCH COMPLICATIONS AND SAVE THE PATIENTS FROM THE CRUEL SUFFERINGS AND DEATH."

The undersigned will be pleased to receive six typed copies of articles on the above subject from research workers and investigators.

The last date of receipt of papers will be 30-9-1945.

23, Hindusthan Buildings,
Calcutta.

P. B. MUKERJI,
Hony. General Secretary,
Indian Medical Association.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

I. M. A., CENTRAL COUNCIL—Annual Report for 1943-44:

We have pleasure in submitting herewith the Annual Report of the working of the Central Council of the Indian Medical Association for the year ended 30th September, 1944. At the outset we cannot but mention again with disappointment that the continuance of the World War with the consequent reprercussions worse in their nature have seriously hindered the normal activities of the Association and have compelled us to confine ourselves to our routine duties and to the discharge of our obligations to the members and the profession in general.

Membership and New Branches

During the year under review, the Association has had to deplore the loss of 30 members by death, 302 by resignation and 230 due to Madras Government Ban. In this connection, we are happy to record that Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, a past President of the Association and a member of the Working Committee, who was detained by the Government under the Defence of India Rules, was released unconditionally and he is again with us to help us with his varied experience and mature counsel. The membership strength was 5691 at the beginning of the year and 6,467 at its end, shewing an increase of 776. The number of new members enrolled during the year, was 1338.

The following 29 new branches were started and recognised during the period under review:—

"1. Bhimavaram, 2. Ongle, 3. Tenali and 4. Vizianagram in Andhra; 5. Mardan, 6. Jaipur, 7. Broach, 8. Nadiad, 9. Ahmednagar, 10. Bhavnagar and 11. Palanpur Direct branches under Headquarters; 12. Deoband, 13. Fyzabad and 14. Shikohabad in U.P.; 15. Hajipur, 16. Madhupur, 17. Buxar, 18. Purulia, 19. Jehanabad, 20. Samastipur and 21. Jharia in Bihar; 22. Kapurthala, 23. Jhang, 24. Jaranwala, 25. Nowshehra and 26. Abbotabad in Punjab; 27. Barsi in Maharashtra and Karnatak; 28. Calicut in South India; and 29. Aurangabad in Hyderabad (Dn.)."

This increase in membership and formation of new branches during the year when the country, including the medical practitioners, was passing through a serious economic crisis, proves the growing popularity of this organisation amongst the medical fraternity. Here we may point out with great regret that the growth of the membership strength has been retarded to some extent by the ban imposed by the Government of Madras on the members of their medical services on the grounds mentioned hereinafter.

The Working Committee

The Commitee met four times during the year under review, once at Delhi, once at Ahmedabad during the Conference session, once at the Headquarters of the Association at Calcutta and once at Madras.

The Central Council

There were three meetings of the Council during the period under review, one at Delhi in October, 1943, one at Ahmedabad in December, 1943, and one at Madras in September, 1944. Owing to restrictions in railway bookings and other transport difficulties, it was not possible to arrange the four meetings, as laid down in Rule 15-F(*a*). Many matters of great importance were considered and decisions taken on them by the Working Committee and these were subsequently approved of and ratified by the Central Council. Of the many matters so considered and decisions arrived at, special mention may be made of the following:—

Bengal Medical Relief

Towards the end of 1943, the Government of Bengal approached the Indian Medical Association for its help and assistance in the recruitment of doctors for working in the emergency hospitals and dispensaries which the Government were opening in the different parts of the disease and epidemic-affected areas of the province. The Association assured the Government of every help and assistance in the matter. In the meantime, in December, 1943, Sir Nazimuddin, the Bengal Premier, in the course of his speech at the Muslim League session at Karachi, appealed for 350 doctors to work in the famine-affected areas of Bengal on good terms to be paid by the Govt. of Bengal. Just at this time, the President of the Association, while presiding over the Annual Session of the All-India Medical Conference at Ahmedabad, took notice of the appeal and, after consulting the representatives of the profession and the delegates from the different parts of the country who had assembled there in connection with the Conference, assured of the Association's best efforts in the recruitment of doctors for services in disease and epidemic-affected areas in Bengal in response to the call of the Bengal Premier. Accordingly, an appeal was issued by the President to the whole medical profession of the country, in general, and the members of the Association, in particular, for their services for the noble and humanitarian cause. The President also announced in his appeal that the lives of the volunteer-doctors would be insured to the extent of Rs. 10,000 each for the period of service in Bengal at the expense of the Association fund. As a result, volunteers began to come forward almost immediately from all parts of the country. Pending the final decision of the Government of Bengal on the question of pay, admissibility of the doctors so recruited to T.A., accommodation, board and other amenities, the names of 83 doctors who had readily volunteered their services between January and February, 1944, were supplied to the Surgeon-General with the Government of Bengal with the request to forward the appointment letters and posting-orders to the addresses of the doctors direct. About this time, when many of our branches had already started their recruiting campaign to help the Bengal Government in their drive to have as many doctors as possible, the Surgeon-General advised us to stop recruitment of any further non-Bengali-speaking doctors on the ground that difficulties were being experienced by the people of the interior villages of the province who could not understand the language of the non-Bengali-speaking doctors and *vice versa*. It is interesting, however, to observe in this connection that, if language was a bar to such recruitment, why the Premier of Bengal should have appealed for doctors at Karachi or why a representative of the Government of Bengal should have gone to Bombay for the recruitment of doctors in that province. This request of the Surgeon General came as a great surprise and many of the branches severely criticised the attitude of the Bengal Government since, once the enthusiasm created amongst the profession in their respective areas had died down, it would be very difficult to revive it in future and start the work anew and to get the required number of doctors that were necessary for running the emergency hospitals and dispensaries that were proposed to be opened by the Government in the affected areas. This sense of bitterness and frustration found expression in the resolution passed on the subject by the Working Committee at its meeting held at Calcutta on the 26th and 27th February, 1944. It may be pointed out that out of the total number of 87 doctors who had volunteered, only 48 doctors were actually appointed by the Bengal Government and even then a good portion of the Bengali-speaking doctors had not been given the posting orders. Various complaints were lodged by most of these doctors soon after they had joined the emergency camps, in respect of delay in issuing the posting orders, want of provision of suitable accommodation, non supply of foodstuffs at controlled prices and non-payment of salaries to them for months together and, above all, the cold recention and unsympathetic treatment meted out to some of them at certain places by the authorities concerned. The terms and conditions of service, as finally offered by the Government of Bengal, fell far below those originally offered by them and even then payments were made at irregular intervals. All the requests made by the Association to the Government of Bengal to redress the legitimate grievances of these volunteer doctors went in vain and it is much to be deplored that, instead of appreciating the honest and unreserved co-operation offered by the Association in the matter of recruiting doctors for relief work, the Minister in charge of Public Health and Local Self Government of the Government of Bengal went so far as to attack the whole medical profession by threatening conscription when there was such a large number of doctors in its waiting list. Due to this unsympathetic and uncompromising attitude of the Bengal Government, the Association had eventually to absolve itself of all responsibilities in the matter.

Bengal Relief Fund

In our last year's report, we mentioned about the inauguration of the fund under the auspices of the Indian Medical Association to render medical relief to the distressed areas in Bengal. As a result of the appeal issued by the Association, a sum of Rs. 5,887|12|- in total was collected as donation from the branches and individual members and, after meeting sundry expenditure incurred in accommodating doctors while in transit to the relief hospitals in the mufussil, a sum of Rs. 5,000 was paid to the Medical Section of the Bengal Civil Protection Committee for the maintenance of two medical relief units in the name of the Indian Medical Association and the balance of Rs. 826|12|- was paid to the Bengal Medical Relief Committee (under the auspices of the Bengal Provincial Branch of the I.M.A.) for medical relief work. In response to the appeal, a few manufacturing firms had kindly donated some medicines for distribution in the affected areas.

Bihar Relief Fund

The Central Council noted with great concern the situation created in North Bihar by the outbreak of Cholera and Malaria in epidemic form. The matter was fully considered by the Working Committee and the Central Council at their meetings held at Madras early in September, 1944 at which a representative from the Bihar Provincial Branch of the Indian Medical Association was present. The latter gave a vivid description of the conditions prevailing in North Bihar and also in some districts of South Bihar at the time and urged upon the necessity of sending out at least 10 medical squads immediately to take up relief work in the epidemic affected areas of the province. He also narrated how the Bihar Provincial Branch was acting in co-operation with the Central Co-ordinating Relief Committee of Bihar to meet the situation. In view of the extreme urgency of the situation, a sum of Rs. 1,000 was sanctioned by the Central Council out of the general funds of the Association for use in relief work in Bihar and the amount was forwarded to the Bihar Provincial Branch for utilising the same in the best way they thought proper. A sum of Rs. 850 was collected as donations from amongst the members present at the meetings and an appeal was later issued to the branches of the Association for funds and medical workers. As a result of this appeal, a sum of Rs. 1,750 has so far been collected in the Bihar Relief Fund started under the auspices of the Association and the major portion of it has already been forwarded to the Bihar Provincial Branch for use in the affected areas of the province.

Health Survey and Development Committee

Early in January, 1944, a set of questionnaires prepared by the Professional Education Advisory Committee and the Medical Relief Advisory Committee of the Health Survey and Development Committee appointed by the Government of India to survey the health problems of the country and formulate proposals for future development, was forwarded to the Association for its views. Copies of the questionnaires were circulated to the branches with a view to collecting data pertaining to each province for the answers to the questionnaires to be drafted. The informations sought for in the questionnaires covered a very wide field in which the interests of the members of the Association who were in service (under Government local bodies or private employers) as well as those of the private practitioners were involved. The opinions received from the branches were referred to a Sub-committee and the replies to the questionnaires based on the opinions expressed by the branches and as drafted by the sub-committee, were sent to the Health Survey and Development Committee with the approval of the Working Committee.

Dr. R. A. Amesur who was nominated by the Central Government to the Health Survey and Development Committee as the Acting President of the I.M.A. for the year 1942-43 has been associated with the working of the said Committee since its first meeting at New Delhi in January, 1944; no report has however, been received from him regarding the activities of the this subject wherein it was stated that the final opinion of the said Committee.

Sickness Insurance Scheme

In the last year's report, a reference had been made on Association on the Government proposals for introducing the scheme, would be forwarded after they were considered by the All-India Medical Conference and the Annual Meeting of the Central Council to be held at Ahmedabad in December, 1943. The matter was fully discussed by both the meetings and a Sub-Commitee was appointed by the Central Council to prepare a Memorandum based on the opinions of the branches for submission to the Government on behalf of the Indian Medical Association. The Memorandum prepared by this Sub-Committee on Sickness Insurance Scheme of the Government of India, was approved by the Working Committee and forwarded to Prof. B. P. Adarkar, Officer on Special Duty, Government of India, Labour Department, as representing the final and considered views of the Association on the proposals of the Government on the subject.

Compilation of an Indian Pharmacopoeia

The need for the compilation of an Indian Pharmacopœia from the point of view of economy, easier adaptability, growth and conservation of the country's resources in respect of vegetable drugs which naturally grow or can be grown in India, was stressed by the Indian Medical Association as reflected by the resolutions passed at the various All-India Medical Conferences held under its auspices in the past. The Working Committee, at its meeting held at Calcutta on the 26th and 27th February, 1944 opined that it should be one of the functions of the Medical Council of India to cause to be published under their direction a book containing a list of medicines and compounds, and the manner of preparing them, together with the true weights and measures by which they are to be prepared and mixed and containing such other matter and things relating thereto as the Council think fit, to be called "The Indian Pharmacopœia"; and that it should also be the function of the said Council to cause to be altered, amended, and republished, such Pharmacopœia as often as they shall deem it necessary. The Association was further of the opinion that the Indian Medical Council Act, 1933, should be so amended as to provide for the above as one of the functions of the Medical Council of India and that, pending such amendment, an Indian Addendum to the British Pharmacopœia be prepared and published under the authority of the Government of India in consultation with the Indian Medical Council, the Drugs Technical Advisory Board and the Indian Medical Association. Copies of the resolution passed by the Working Committee in this connection were forwarded to the Member-in-Charge, Department of Education, Health and Lands, Government of India, the President, Indian Medical Council, and the Registrars of the Medical Councils in the different provinces. It is learnt that a Committee of Experts has since been appointed by the Government of India in consultation with the Drugs Technical Advisory Board to consider the question of (*a*) compilation of a list of indigenous drugs in use in India which, although not included in the British Pharmacopœia, are of sufficient medicinal value to justify their inclusion in an official Pharmacopœia and (*b*) fixation of uniform standards and prescription of tests to be used for establishing the identity and purity of these drugs.

Research Fund Scheme

It was resolved by the Working Committee at its meeting held in February, 1944, that a sustained effort during the course of the year should be made by the Association for raising one lac of rupees to serve as the nucleus for the Research Fund of the Indian Medical Association from amongst the members of the profession in general and the members of the Association, in particular and that with this end in view, the branches should try their utmost to raise the necessary fund. We are glad to state that, despite acute financial distress through which the country including the medical profession has been passing, we have been able to collect contributions amounting to Rs. 7,953|4|- in the Fund so far, from the generous members of the Association. Out of this sum Rs. 6,262 has been placed in Fixed Deposit Account with the Central Bank of India, Calcutta.

Rationing of Petrol, Tyres and Tubes

The difficulties caused to the public by cuts in the basic ration and supplemetnary allowances of petrol, tyres and tubes issued to medical practitioners engaged the attention of the

Central Council. Capt. S. C. Sen, Jt. Hon. Secretary of the Association, who was requested by the Working Committee to see the Member-in-Charge of the Department concerned of the Government of India, took the matter up with the Department of War Transport, Government of India, and was successful in securing concessions from the Government of India and bringing relief to the medical profession in the matter of increased supply of petrol, tyres and tubes. The branches were kept acquainted with the development and, according to the previous arrangement, the Central Government had issued instructions to the Provincial Rationing Authorities and Chief Commissioners to tackle the situation in consultation with the members of the local branches of the I.M.A. It is however a matter of great regret and discomfiture that the Government of India subsequently cancelled that order on the ground that the proposal to ration doctors' petrol on the recommendation of the local branches of the Indian Medical Association, would in their opinion, introduce invidious distinction as to the status and interests of the I.M.A. and other associations. The Provincial Governments were however instructed by the Government of India to invite local practitioners, if and where necessary, to set up *adhoc* advisory committees in the matter.

Branch Activities

The members are more or less acquainted with the branch activities, the reports of which appeared in the pages of the Journal during the current year. It may, however, be mentioned here that the Provincial Medical Conferences held under the organisation of the U.P., Andhra, Bihar and the Punjab Provincial branches during the year under review attained great success due to the co-operation extended by the large number of delegates and members from the different districts of each province. This speaks of the popularity of the Conferences organised to create interest of the members of the profession in matters concerning public health of their respective provinces and various other matters affecting the profession.

The XX All-India Medical Conference which was held at Ahmedabad on the 26th, 27th, 28th & 29th December, 1944, under the auspices of the Ahmedabad Branch, owed its great success to Rai Sahib Dr. S. N. Kaul, M.B., CH.B. who, as its Chairman, conducted the deliberations of the Conference with remarkable tact, patience and ability. The Session had, as usual, closely packed programmes of Scientific discussions and social diversions. The Resolutions passed by the Conference represented the considered opinion of the medical profession of the country on various matters affecting the public and the profession and they were duly forwarded to proper authorities either directly or through branches.

Journal of the I.M.A.

In spite of great efforts, the regularity of the Journal could not be maintained during the year under review due to scarcity of paper and enforcement of the paper Control (Economy) Order of the Government of India. Editorial comments dealing with the above appeared in October, 1943 and September, 1944. As stated during last two reports, difficulties of production of each issue under progressive restriction on paper-supplies continue to cause anxiety for the Journal Committee. The Government of India has allowed us to print a certain number of pages for the Journal but no provision has been made to enable us to get a regular monthly supply of paper sufficient enough for the publication of the Journal containing the allotted number of pages. Efforts are being made in proper quarters for regular supply of the required quota, but nothing has yet materialised. It is regretted that due to restriction of the number of pages of advertisements, all the advertisers could not be accommodated and that we had no alternative but to enhance our advertisement rate by 50% in order to bring our income to the level of expenditure. It is hoped that in near future enough space will be available for all. Original contributions were received in fair numbers and as far as practicable they were published during the year. But many more could be accommodated if there were no restrictions on the number of pages under the Paper Control Economy Order. It is hoped that the contributors will realise this difficulty and excuse the Committee if there were any delay in the publication of their valuable contributions. The total number of pages printed during the year was 458 and number of copies printed reached a total of over 7000 copies a month against 448 and 6,500 respectively during the last year.

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Pharmacology—12. Dr. Bidhubhusan Roy, M.B.

Physiology—14. Dr. R. K. Pal, D.SC., M.B., M.R.C.P., F.R.S.E.

Forensic Medicine—15. Dr. S. K. Basu, M.B., I.M.S. (RETD.).

Medicine—16. Dr. Himansu Roy, M.D.

The Journal Committee has met almost once every month and the Sectional Secretaries have in almost all occasions helped the Dept. by their valuable advice.

Madras Govt. Ban

Towards the end of the year under report, an impasse was created by the Government of Madras by putting a ban on medical officers under their employ against becoming members of the Indian Medical Association. The first information of the ban was communicated to the Headquarters of the Association by the Hon. Secretary, Guntur Branch, early in June, 1944. It came as an utter surprise and perturbed the minds of the Executive who were at a loss to make out the reasons which had prompted the Madras Government to impose the ban, specially, at a time when the I.M.A. was being recognised by the Government of India as an important organisation of the medical profession in the country and had been given representation on various statutory bodies. Soon afterwards it was gathered that the Government of Madras had issued orders to their Surgeon General that Government medical officers would not be allowed to become members or accept any office under the I.M.A. or its branch Associations, as the activities of the main Association fell within the scope of Rule 21 (1) (*i*) of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules. This bewildered the Central Council inasmuch as it was not informed of the particular activity or activities of the main Association or any of its branches in the Madras Presidency or in any other province of India, which were considered by the Government of Madras to fall within the scope of the said rule. No specific reasons were assigned by the Madras Government for the promulgation of that Order nor were any charges levelled against the Association or any of its branches beforehand, so that they might answer the charges or refute them. In this connection, it will be remembered that some years ago a particular clause in the Rules of the Association was objected to by the Government of India from the point of view of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules and the Central Council removed that particular clause from the Rules in deference to the wishes of the Central Government. A reference was, therefore, made to the Government of Madras

and it was ascertained that they took exception to Resolutions Nos. 1 and 2, passed by the XXth All-India Medical Conference held at Ahmedabad in December, 1943, which, in their opinion, related to political matters and they considered that their servants could not, without contravening the provisions of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules, be members of the Association which passed such resolutions. A plain reading of the two resolutions in question would not fail to bear conviction in one's mind that they were not of a political nature and it might be noted that, except Madras Government, no other Provincial Governments nor even the Central Government to whom copies of the resolutions, passed by the All-India Medical Conference at Ahmedabad, were supplied, had raised objection to any of the resolutions passed by the Conference so far. However, a meeting of the Working Committee and of the Central Council was called immediately, specially, to consider the situation created by the imposition of the Madras Government ban which left no other alternative to the members of the Association who were in the Government employ in the Madras Presidency but to resign their membership of the Association, and Madras was selected as the venue of both meetings which took place there on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd September, 1944. By previous appointment, the President and the Hon. General Secretary of the I.M.A. interviewed Mr. T. Austin, C.I.E., I.C.S., Advisor to H. E. the Governor of Madras, on 2-9-44 and had a frank discussion on the question of the imposition of this ban by the Madras Government. At the discussion, the President stressed on the viewpoints of the Association *viz.*, that the policy of the I.M.A. from its very inception had been to co-operate with the Government of the country and other public bodies in all matters relating to Medicine and improvement of Public Health, a testimony to which was borne out by the fact that the Association had, from the very commencement of the present War, thrown its full weight and efforts to help the Government and that, if it had asked from time to time for better terms and conditions of Service for the medical men joining the Army, it was considered by the Association to be perfectly legitimate and was done with the intention of stimulating recruitment to the Army Medical Services in greater numbers. The President pointed out that the platforms of the I.M.A. had been thrown open throughout the country for all these years for Government officials, were they military or civilians, to talk to the profession on the question of recruitment. He also maintained that General Politics, as such, had always been outside the sphere of the activities of the Association and stressed that no medical organisation could be built up in any country to serve as an effective non-official advisory body to the State without the fullest co-operation between the medical officers employed under the Government and the independent profession. He drew the attention of Mr. Austin to the fact that the Government of India had always taken the I.M.A. into its confidence and that, during the last few years, the Association had been enjoying representation on Statutory Bodies like Bhore Health Survey and Development Committee, Drugs Technical Advisory Board of the Government of India, many Provincial and District Drugs Advisory Committees etc., etc. The President assured that it had always been and would always be the cherished aim of the Association to work in such a way as not to embarrass the position of the Government medical officers who were the members of the Association in respect of Government Servants' Conduct Rules. From the trend of the discussion it appeared that the matter would be satisfactorily settled and the President, on return from the interview put before the Working Committee a brief summary of the discussions. The Committee, thereupon, authorised the President to deal with the matter as agreed upon between him and the Advisor to H. E. The Governor of Madras. A letter was addressed on 2-9-44 by the President to the said officer, touching upon all the points that were discussed at the interview and finally requesting that the Government would see their way to lift the ban and allow their medical officers to continue as members of the Association. As a result of the said ban 230 members who are in Government service in the Madras Presidency have resigned from the Association but it is hoped that they would rejoin as soon as the ban is lifted by the Government. No reply was received from the Government of Madras to the President's letter till the close of the official year.

Drug Control Order—1943

During the year under review, the thing that perturbed the medical profession in the country most, was the Drug Control Order, 1943. The Headquarters was flooded with enquires as to how the provisions of the Order went to affect the medical profession in the country. The situation became alarming in some of the provinces and doctors were even reported to have been prosecuted under the Defence of India Rule. A reference was made to the authorities concerned and the Central Government was written to with a request to kindly elucidate the implications of the different provisions of the Drug Control Order, 1943, with special reference to the medical practitioners. In the meantime, the Headquarters issued circulars to all the branches requesting them to acquaint the Central Office with the nature of difficulties their members were faced with as a result of the operation of the said Order, in order that a course of action could be chalked out to meet the situation. The matter came up for discussion at the meeting of the Working Committee held at Calcutta in February, 1944, and it was decided to approach the Central Government and request them to (*a*) exempt the registered Medical Practitioners from the provisions of the Order (*b*) issue Purchaser's License to all Registered Medical Practitioners free of charge.

It was also decided to arrange for a deputation consisting of some of the Office-Bearers of the Headquarters as well as of the Provincial Branches to wait upon the Government of India to explain the view-point of the Association on the provisions of the Order and to press for a sympathetic consideration of the difficulties of the profession and for their removal.

The Central Council is greatly indebted in this connection to the services of Capt. H. N. Shivapuri of Lucknow and Capt. S. C. Sen of New Delhi, one of the Hony. Jt. Secretaries, who took much pains to study the Drug Control Order in all its bearings and point out to the Central Government how some of its provisions were acting detrimentally to the interests of medical practitioners and suggested remedial measures for their improvement. The branches were at regular intervals kept acquainted with the developments and amendment to the Order sanctioned by the Government of India on the recommendation of the Association.

The Government of India invited two representatives of the Association to a meeting of the Central Drugs Advisory Committee held at Bombay in June, 1944, and Capt. S. C. Sen of Delhi Branch and Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta of Bombay Branch were nominated by the President for this purpose. They attended this meeting and presented before it the viewpoints of the members of the Association very ably and forcefully.

On a suggestion from Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta, the Central Government was requested to change the form of the Purchaser's License into a Permit which should be issued to Registered Medical Practitioners of the Allopathic system and to those holding registrable qualifications in Western system of medicine, at a nominal cost of Re. 1/ only. The Government informed that the question of altering the terms and phraseology of the Purchaser's Licence under the Drug Control Order would be considered when the licensing procedure for the licensing year beginning in February 15, 1945, is reviewed.

The Association deplored the policy of the Central Government in issuing Purchaser's Licence under the Drug Control Order to Hakims and Vaids as it "defeats the very object for which the Drug Control Order, 1943, has been introduced".

Non-acceptance of medical Certificates granted by registered medical practitioners to non-gazetted government servants in the superior services, unless countersigned by the Agency or the Civil Surgeon.

As reported last year, a Sub-Committee consisting of Dr. K. S. Ray, Capt. H. N. Shivapuri and Dr. S. C. Chatterjee was constituted to study this question in all its details and implications with special reference to the reply received on the subject from the Government of India. The report submitted by the Sub-Committee was placed before the Working Committee which met in February, 1944 and ran as follows:—

"The Committee considered the question raised by the Jubbulpore Branch regarding the re-drafting of S. R. 229. The Committee is of the opinion that there should be no

objection to the insistence of a second opinion if the appointing authorities require it, but the Government must pay the fees for the second opinion. The Committee is further of the opinion that the doctor who gave the certificate in the first instance should also be given an opportunity to be present when obtaining the second opinion. This view, the Committee understands, has been accepted by the Bengal Medical Council and the U.P. Medical Council".

A copy of the report of the Sub-Committee was forwarded to the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Education, Health and Lands, with a request to reconsider the matter and see the advisability of amending the existing S. R. 229 in the light of the views expressed by the Association. The decision of the Government of India in the matter is eagerly awaited.

Propaganda

During the year under review, a sum of Rs. 1000/- provided for in the budget under the head "Propaganda", was sanctioned and distributed to the following branches for the specific purpose of an intensive membership drive:

Bengal Provincial Branch ..	Rs. 200/-	for work in Calcutta
Bombay Branch ..	„ 300/-	„ „ „ Bombay
Punjab Provincial Branch ..	„ 200/-	„ „ „ Lahore
S. India Provincial Branch ..	„ 150/-	„ „ „ Madras
Andhra Provincial Branch ..	„ 150/-	„ „ „ Andhra Province

Formation of Standing Committees

The following Standing Committees were formed during the year with certain eminent members of the Association in each committee:

1. Central Ethical Committee.
2. Research Fund Committee.
3. Bengal Relief Fund Committee.
4. Propaganda and Organisation Committee.
5. Sickness and Health Insurance Committee.
6. Medico Political Committee.
7. Science Committee.
8. General Purposes Committee.
9. Services Committee.

The President will act as an Ex-Officio Member of each Committee.

Appointment of a Wholetime paid Secretary

As the services of Dr. S. C. Chatterjee, M.D., M.R.C.P., D.P.H., who agreed to undertake the organisational work of the Association were not available, the resolution of the Bombay Branch regarding appointment of a paid Organising Secretary was reconsidered by the Working Committee at its meeting held at Calcutta in February, 1944, and subsequently at Madras in September, 1944. It was noted by the Committee that the work of the Headquarters of the Association had increased greatly in volume and that the time had arrived when the Association should have at its executive head, a wholetime paid Secretary who would not only run the Central Office but should also look to the growth and development of the Association by organising more branches and enrolling more members in order to justify its claim of being the representative of the whole medical profession in the country. The Association was in urgent need of strength of members and this could not be achieved unless a responsible officer of the Association toured round the country and roped in the large number of doctors who were still outside the fold of the I.M.A. But as the question hinged on the availability of the necessary funds for the purpose, various suggestions were made at both the meetings to increase the revenue by enhancement of Central Fund Contribution per capita from branches, by increase in the rate of subscription to the Journal etc. and the final decision on the subject was deferred to a future meeting of the Committee.

T.A. to W.C. & Central Council Members for attending Meetings

It was noted by the Working Committee that, with the increase in the volume and importance of work the Association and its responsible nature, it was essential that the attendance of members at the meetings of the Central Council and the other committees should be improved and, to ensure this, the members thereof should be paid travelling allowances and other out-of-pocket expenses. This question also involved placing of more revenue at the disposal of the Central Council and so final decision on the subject was put off. In this connection, a suggestion was made that the composition of the Central Council should be modified to make it a smaller body and to ensure its members attending every meeting.

Location of Headquarters of the Association

It was decided by the Working Committee and the Central Council last year, pursuant to the concensus of opinions received from the branches, that the Headquarters be retained in Calcutta but, in case of emergency due to air raids or other enemy action, either Delhi or Lucknow be selected by the President in consultation with the local Secretaries. It was however, felt by the Working Committee that the time had arrived when a decision regarding the *permanent* location of the Headquarters of the Association should be taken, because, for want of a decision in this regard, it was not possible to rent a decent house on long lease where the office of the headquarters could be shifted, the present premises being very unsatisfactory from the point of view of accommodation, space, light, ventilation and sanitation. For want of same decision, the authorities of the Calcutta Corporation or the Improvement Trust could not be approached for sanction of a free gift of land on which the Association could aspire to build a house of its own. The question likewise involved provision for more revenue.

The Working Committee, at its meeting held at Madras in September, 1944, agreed to the necessity of having some scheme chalked out for the reorganisation of the Association, keeping in view the above three subjects *viz.*, the appointment of a wholetime paid Secretary, location of the headquarters permanently at a suitable place and payment of full T.A. to the members of the W.C. and the Central Council and it was resolved that the President and the Hony. General Secretary be requested to draw up a scheme touching upon the above points and that a Questionnaire, based on the same, be circulated to all Provincial Secretaries, the members of the W.C. and all office-bearers of the Association, asking for their opinion thereon, to be submitted within six weeks of the date of receipt of the Questionnaire and that the opinions so received be considered by a Sub-Committee consisting of the following members:—

1. The President
2. The Hon. General Secretary
3. Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Tirumurti
4. Capt. S. C. Sen
5. Capt. H. N. Shivapuri
6. Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao
7. Dr. Chamanlal Mehta

It was further resolved that the recommendations of the sub-committee be placed for consideration before the next or subsequent meeting of the Working Committee.

It was further resolved that, in the meantime, the Hony. General Secretary be authorised to rent a bigger premises in Calcutta, if available, even on a higher rent and to take same on a lease of 5 years, if necessary, for accommodating the office etc. of the Headquarters. A search is being made for a suitable premises on the above terms but, on account of acute scarcity of accommodation in Calcutta at the present time, no suitable flat or house has yet been possible to be secured.

Amalgamation of the I.M.A. and the A.I. Medical Licentiates' Association

The proposals of the Tinnevelly, Coimbatore and Tanjore branches regarding amalgamation of the All-India Medical Licentiates' Association with the I.M.A. were considered by the Working Committee at its meeting held at Madras and it was resolved that the I.M.A. would welcome the proposal of amalgamation of the two Associations and would be glad to move further in the matter, if a resolution to that effect was

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INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Balance Sheet (Central) as at 30th September, 1944

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
Suspense		30 8 0		Furniture and fittings including machinery as per last Balance-Sheet	3,000 13 0	
Advance Contribution ..		208 12 0		Addition during the year ..	253 8 0	
Resarch Fund ..		7,953 4 0			3,254 5 0	
Bengal Relief Fund ..		647 0 0		Less depreciation written off	325 0 0	2,929 5 0
Bihar Relief Fund ..		1,575 0 0		*Books:*		
K. S. Ray Gold Medal A/c. ..		250 0 0		as per last Balance-Sheet	102 6 0	
Library for Provincial Quota:				Less depreciation written off	10 4 0	92 2 0
Sind	89 0 0			*Outstanding Contributions:*		
South India	654 0 0			Contributions ..	6,600 0 11	
Andhra	220 0 0			Contribution for Journal Dept.	497 0 0	
Hyderabad (Dn.)	22 8 0			Subscription ..	472 3 6	
Maharashtra and Karnatak	70 4 0			Affiliation Fee ..	580 0 0	8,149 4 5
U.P.	12 0 0			Advance to staff ..		293 0 0
Bengal	23 4 0			Journal Deptt. ..		7,795 3 10
Bihar	272 8 0	1,363 8 0		*Deposits:*		
Income and Expenditure A/c.				with Calcutta Electric Supply Corp. ..	25 0 0	
As per last B/s.	49,474 11 7			„ Indian Posts & Tele. Deptt. ..	20 0 0	
Excess of income over expenditure for this year	1,402 2 6	50,876 14 1		„ Presidency Postmaster, Calcutta ..	160 15 9	205 15 9
				Investment at Central Bank of India, Clive Street, Calcutta 3½% G.P. Note face value Rs. 19,000 at cost ..	18,279 8 6	
				Addition during the year 3½% G.P. Notes face value Rs. 2,500/- at cost ..	2,462 3 1	20,741 11 7
				Fixed Deposit (Research Fund)	6,262 0 0	
				Fixed Deposit as per last account	5,790 2 6	12,052 2 6
				Cash and Bank Balances:		
				Cash in hand	28 6 6	
				Petty cash	0 8 0	
				Amount with Central Bank of India, Clive Street ..	9,467 5 8	
				Amount with Central Bank of India, Delhi ..	1,149 12 10	10,646 1 0
		62,904 14 1				62,904 14 1

Auditor's report to the members

We beg to report that we have audited the above Balance Sheet and the accompanying Income and Expenditure Account of the Indian Medical Association (Central Section) as at and for the year ending 30th September, 1944, respectively. Some of the vouchers fell short of Audit requirements. Subject to the above, the Balance-Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account, have been, in our opinion drawn up in conformity with the law, and the Balance-Sheet exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Association according to the best of our information and explanations given to us from time to time and as shown by the books of Accounts of the Association. We have obtained all the informations we have required.

Dated the 16th day of December, 1944,
2 Church Lane, Calcutta.

Sd/- CHAKRAVARTY CHAUDHURI,
Incorporated Accountants,
Registered Accountants.

N.B.—Ref. the Auditor's remarks on the Balance Sheet as printed above:

The following resolution was passed by the Working Committe at its meeting held at Cawnpore on the 25th December, 1944, and endorsed by the Central Council at its meeting held on the 27th December, 1944:—

"The Working Committee heard the explanations of the Hony. General Secretary and the Treasurer on the auditor's remark in the balance sheet about some of the vouchers falling short of audit requirements, and accepted the same, and recommended to the Centrai Council that the audit accounts, as circulated, be adopted, as the explanations showed that the objections of the auditors were of minor technical nature."

2nd. January, 1945.

P. B. MUKERJI,
Hony. General Secretary, I.M.A.

INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—(CENTRAL)

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 30th September, 1944.

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Postage	947 9 6		By Contribution	14,646 8 0	
„ Charges General ..	963 2 3		„ Subscription	312 0 0	
„ House Rent	555 0 0		„ Affiliation Fee ..	20 0 0	
„ Telephone Charges ..	165 5 0		„ Interest	701 7 0	
„ Electric charges ..	121 2 6		„ Miscellaneous Receipt ..	15 6 0	
„ Establishment ..	3,659 5 6				
„ Dearness allowance ..	1,782 8 0				
„ Stationery	690 13 9				
„ Travelling	1,835 14 9				
„ Printing	769 7 3				
„ Bank Charges ..	87 10 0				
„ Telegraphic address ..	20 0 0				
„ Audit Fee	60 0 0				
„ Propaganda Expenses ..	1,300 0 0				
„ Behar Relief ..	1,000 0 0				
„ Depreciation A/c. On furniture including machinery 325 0 0 Books 10 4 0	335 4 0				
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ..	1,402 2 6				
	15,695 5 0			15,695 5 0	

Auditor's report to the members

Examined and found correct, subject to our report on the annexed Balance-Sheet of the Association as at 30th September, 1944.

Sd/- CHAKRAVARTY CHAUDHURI,
Incorporated Accountants,
Registered Accountants.

Dated the 16th day of December, 1944,
2 Church Lane, Calcutta.

INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—(CENTRAL)

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ending 30th September, 1944.

Receipts

	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
To Opening Balance		
„ Cash in hand	121 13 6	
„ Amount with Central Bank of India Ltd., Cal. ..	12,078 5 1	
„ Amount with Central Bank of India, Delhi ..	1,149 12 10	
		13,349 15 5
„ Contributions from branches		15,326 8 11
„ Contributions from branches for Journal Department		3,186 4 0
„ Interest		701 7 0
„ Research Fund ..		2,053 4 0
„ Bengal Relief Fund ..		6,364 12 0
„ Bihar Relief Fund ..		1,750 0 0
„ K. S. Ray Gold Medal ..		250 0 0
„ Subscription		144 12 0
„ Suspense		318 0 0
„ Affiliation fee		20 0 0
„ Miscellaeous Receipts ..		15 6 0
„ Provincial Contribution ..		1,896 4 0
		45,376 9 4

Payments

		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.
By Fix Deposit (Research Fund)		6,262 0 0	
„ Bengal Relief Fund ..		5,887 12 0	
„ Bihar Relief Fund ..		1,175 0 0	
„ Provincial Quota ..		2,021 12 0	
„ Advance		293 0 0	
„ Investment		2,462 3 1	
„ Establishment ..		3,739 5 6	
„ Dearness Allowance ..		1,806 8 0	
„ Telephone ..		330 10 0	
„ House Rent		1,110 0 0	
„ Bank Charges ..		87 10 0	
„ Travelling Allowance ..		1,835 14 9	
„ Electric		242 5 0	
„ Postage		947 9 6	
„ Stationery		735 6 6	
„ Charges General ..		963 2 3	
„ Furniture		253 8 0	
„ Audit Fee		100 0 0	
„ Printing		769 7 3	
„ Telegraphic Address ..		20 0 0	
„ Propaganda Expenditure		1,300 0 0	
„ Presidency Postmaster (Frankine Machine) ..		2,387 6 6	
Closing Balance:			
Petty cash	8 0		
Cash	28 6 6	28 14 6	
Amount with Central Bank of India Ltd., Calcutta ..		9,467 5 8	
Amount with Central Bank of Indian Ltd. (Delhi) ..		1,149 12 10	
		45,376 9 4	

Examined and found correct, subject to the remarks that some of the vouchers fell short of the Audit requirements.

Sd/- CHAKRAVARTY CHAUDHURI,
Incorporated Accountants,
Registered Accountants.

Dated the 16th day of December, 1944,
2 Church Lane, Calcutta.

INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—(CENTRAL)

BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1944-45

Estimated Recurring Receipts

Head of Accounts	Estimate for 1943-44 Rs. As. P.	Actual Receipt for 1943-44 Rs. As. P.	Proposed Estimate 1944-45 Rs. As. P.
Subscription from Direct members ..	180 0 0	144 12 0	180 0 0
Affiliation Fee	20 0 0	20 0 0	40 0 0
Contribution	12,000 0 0	15,326 8 11	16,000 0 0
Delegation Fee	250 0 0	nil	250 0 0
Bank Interest	750 0 0	701 7 0	730 0 0
			1,7200 0 0

Estimated Recurring Expenditures

Head of Accounts	Estimate for 1943-44 Rs. As. P.	Actual Expenditure 1943-44 Rs. As. P.	Proposed Expenditure 1944-45 Rs. As. P.
Postage	600 0 0	*947 9 6	1,000 0 0
General charges	600 0 0	**963 2 3	900 0 0
Stationery	1,000 0 0	690 13 9	700 0 0
Establishment	3,600 0 0	***3659 5 6	4,000 0 0
Propaganda	1,000 0 0	†1,300 0 0	1,600 0 0
Telegraphic Address	20 0 0	20 0 0	20 0 0
Audit Fee	60 0 0	60 0 0	60 0 0
Travelling Allowance	1,200 0 0	††1,835 14 9	2,000 0 0
Printing	600 0 0	†††769 7 3	500 0 0
House Rent	600 0 0	555 0 0	555 0 0
Telephone	160 0 0	165 5 0	170 0 0
Electric	80 0 0	121 2 6	130 0 0
Furniture & Office Appliances	800 0 0	253 8 0	800 0 0
Bank charges	60 0 0	87 10 0	90 0 0
Dearness Allowance	1,700 0 0	***1,782 8 0	2,050 0 0
Provident Fund	..	..	340 0 0

Estimated Income Rs.	17,200 0 0
Estimated Expenditure „	14,915 0 0
Expected Surplus „	2,285 0 0

Explanations:

* *Postage:* The increase was due to heavy correspondence consequent on the increase in the number of branches and especially due to circulars issued to the branches re. Drug Control Order, 1943 and Madras Government Ban.

** and †† *General charges & Travelling Allowance:* In the year 1942-43 there were two Working Committee meetings as against 4 W. C. meeting in the year 1943-44 two of which were held at a long distance from Headquarters and this accounts for the increase of expenditure in these items.

*** *Establishment & Dearness Allowance:* The slight increase was due to appointment of a new Bearer.

† *Propaganda:* Special sanction of Rs. 300/- at Calcutta Working Committee meeting.

††† *Printing:* The increase in the expenditure was due to the printing of ten Province wise Membership Registers.

INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—(JOURNAL)

Income and Expenditure Account for the year ending 30th September, 1944

		Rs. As. P.		Rs. As. P.
To Printing Charges ..		6,390 4 3	By Advertisement Charges ..	37,196 10 1
„ Paper		17,574 3 3	„ Subscription ..	1,016 4 3
„ Charges		310 12 6	„ Reprints	22 8 0
„ Bank Charges ..		58 1 6	„ Miscellaneous receipts ..	50 15 0
„ Postage & Telegram ..		2706 4 9	„ Interest	16 6 0
„ Establishment ..		2060 0 3	„ Contribution from Central	2,700 0 0
„ Assistants Allowance ..		3120 0 0		
„ Dearness allowance ..		1379 9 9		
„ Agency Commission ..		2,429 12 0		
„ Stationery		154 13 9		
„ Binding		1,114 13 0		
„ Blocks		708 1 0		
„ House Rent		555 0 0		
„ Telephone Charges ..		165 5 0		
„ Electric Charges ..		121 2 6		
„ Audit Fee		40 0 0		
„ Depreciation A/c.				
On furniture and fittings	42 2 0			
„ books	11 12 0			
Machinery ..	53 13 0	107 11 0		
„ Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ..		2,006 12 10		
		41,002 11 4		41,002 11 4

INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—(JOURNAL)

Balance Sheet as at 30th September, 1944

		Rs. As. P.			Rs. As. P.
Liability for expenses:			*Furniture and fittings:*		
Paper		1,463 4 0	As per last balance sheet ..	701 9 0	
Advance		43 0 0	Less depreciation written off	42 2 0	659 7 0
Suspense		14 4 0			
Central A/C.		7,795 3 10	*Books A/c:*		
Income & Expenditure A/c.			As per last balance sheet ..	61 10 0	
As per last Balance Sheet ..	4,832 10 9		Addition during the year ..	55 11 6	
Add Excess of income over expenditure for the year ..	2,006 12 10	6,839 7 7		117 5 6	
			Less depreciation written off	11 12 0	105 9 6
			Machinery A/c:		
			As per last Balance Sheet ..	538 4 6	
			Less depreciation written off	53 13 0	484 7 6
			Stock of Paper		3,988 13 0
			Sundry Debtors		6,947 5 2
			Cash and Bank Balances:		
			Cash in hand	37 9 0	
			Amount with the Central Bank of India Ld., New Market Branch ..	3,932 0 3	3,969 9 3
					16,155 3 5
		16,155 3 5			

Auditor's report to members

We beg to report that we have audited the above Balance-Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account of the Indian Medical Association (Journal Department) as at and for the year ending 30th September, 1944, respectively. Some of the vouchers fell short of audit requirements. In our opinion, subject to the above remarks, the said Balance-Sheet and Income & Expenditure Account have been properly drawn up and the Balance-Sheet exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Association according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us from time to time and as shown by the books of accounts of the Association. We have obtained all the information we have required.

Dated the 16th day of December, 1944,
2 Church Lane, Calcutta.

Sd/- CHAKRAVARTY CHAUDHURI,
Incorporated Accountants,
Registered Accountants.

INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—(JOURNAL)

Receipt and payment account of the Journal Department for the year ending 30th September, 1944

Receipts:		Rs. As. P.	*Peyments:*		Rs. As. P.
To Opening Balance:			By Agency Commission ..		2,429 12 0
Cash in hand	63 15 9		„ Assistants' Allowance ..		3,365 0 0
Amount with Central Bank of India (New Market Branch) ..	3,921 6 11	3,985 6 8	„ Binding		1,114 13 0
			„ Stationery		154 13 9
„ Advertisement		35,821 6 7	„ Bank charges		58 1 6
„ Advance		43 0 0	„ Blocks		708 1 0
„ Suspense		163 0 0	„ Books		55 11 6
„ Subscription		1011 13 3	„ Papers		18,982 5 0
„ Miscellaneous Receipts ..		50 15 0	„ Printings		6,390 4 3
„ Reprints		22 8 0	„ Postages		135 9 9
„ Interest		16 6 0	„ Charges general ..		310 12 6
			„ Establishment ..		2,060 0 3
		41,114 7 6	„ Dearness Allowance ..		1,379 9 9
			Closing Bance:		
			Cash in hand	37 9 0	
			Cash at Bank	3,932 0 3	
					3,969 9 3
					41,114 7 6

Examined and found correct, subject to the remark that some of the vouchers fell short of audit requirements.

Dated the 16th day of December, 1944,
2 Church Lane, Calcutta.

Sd/- CHAKRAVARTY CHAUDHURI,
Incorporated Accountants,
Registered Accountants.

INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—(JOURNAL)

Statement of Expected Income & Probable Expenditure for 14 issues of the Journal during 1944-45 (upto 8,500 copies, reading matter 28 pages and advertisement 30 pages).

Estimated Recurring Receipts:

Aead of Accounts	Estimate for 1943-44 Rs. As. P.	Actual Income 1943-44 Rs. As. P.	Proposed Estimate 1944-45 Rs. As. P.
Advertisement	34,000 0 0	35,821 6 7	50,000 0 0
Subscription	750 0 0	1,011 3 3	1,200 0 0
Miscellaneous receipts (Sale of Journal, Reprints etc.)	20 0 0	73 7 0	75 0 0
Interest	10 0 0	16 6 0	20 0 0
Extra Contribution for Journal	2,750 0 0	2,700 0 0	3,000 0 0
			54,295 0 0

Estimated Recurring Expenditure

	Estimate for 1943-44 Rs. As. P.	Actual Expenditure 1943-44 Rs. As. P.	Proposed Exenditure 1944-45 Rs. As. P.
Postage	3,200 0 0	2,706 4 9	3,500 0 0
Stationery	150 0 0	154 13 9	200 0 0
Printing	6,500 0 0	6,390 4 3	7,500 0 0
Paper	16,000 0 0	18,982 5 0	20,000 0 0
Establishment	2,000 0 0	2,060 0 3	3,000 0 0
Asstt's. allowance	2,500 0 0	3,365 0 0	3,500 0 0
Agency Commission	2,500 0 0	2,429 12 0	4,000 0 0
Binding charge of Journals & Periodicals)	1,200 0 0	1,114 13 0	1,400 0 0
Dearness allowance	900 0 0	1,379 9 9	1,512 0 0
Block	500 0 0	708 1 0	800 0 0
Book	100 0 0	55 11 6	100 0 0
Subscription to foreign Journals	Nil	190 4 0	200 0 0
Charges General	300 0 0	310 12 6	400 0 0
Furniture	600 0 0	Nil	1,000 0 0
House rent	600 0 0	555 0 0	555 0 0
Telephone	175 0 0	165 5 0	175 0 0
Electric	85 0 0	121 2 6	130 0 0
Audit	40 0 0	40 0 0	40 0 0
Provident Fund	Nil	Nil	250 0 0
			48,262 0 0

Expected Income	Rs.	54,295 0 0
Expected Expenditure	„	48,262 0 0
Expected Surplus	„	6,033 0 0

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passed at the next Annual Conference of the A.I.M.L.A. The Committee further opined that the I.M.A. was in favour of and would welcome such a step.

Post-War Reconstruction Scheme

In pursuance of Resolution No. 3 passed at the All-India Medical Conference at Ahmedabad, a sub-committee consisting of the following members was appointed by the Working Committee to give effect to the resolution which was endorsed by the Committee:—

1. Dr. K. S. Ray
2. Dr. U. B. Narayan Rao
3. Capt. S. C. Sen
4. Dr. K. K. Dadachanji
5. Dr. Chamanlal Mehta
6. Dr. P. K. Guha (Calcutta)

Dr. Chamanlal Mehta to act as the Convenor.

A sum of Rs. 600/- was sanctioned to meet the incidental expenses likely to be incurred by the Sub-Committee by way of establishment, stationery etc.

Accounts

The audited accounts for the year are annexed hereto. They reveal a satisfactory state of affairs so far as the finances are concerned.

A sum of Rs. 2462-3-1 was placed in the Reserve Fund of the Association, as required by Rule 16-A (*b*).

Acknowledgment

We cannot close this report without thanking the staff for their loyal co-operation. Our grateful thanks are also due to Messrs. Chakravarty Choudhury & Co. for having kindly audited the accounts.

R. C. Sen,
Hony. Treasurer,
Indian Medical Association.

P. B. Mukerji,
Hony. General Secretary,
Indian Medical Association.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

I.M.A., WORKING COMMITTEE—Summary of proceedings of the fifteenth meeting of the Working Committee of the Indian Medical Association held at Cawnpore on Monday the 25th December, 1944, at 10 a.m. in D.A.V. College Hall.

The President read out a letter dated 23-12-1944 received by him from Dr. R. A. Amesur of Karachi. The Working Committee considered the letter and heard what the President had to say in the matter. After having considered all facts and the relevant rules, the Working Committee arrived at the conclusion that a *bona fide* mistake had been made for which it regretted.

Resolved that the Committee requests the President to write to Dr. Amesur and explain the full circumstances to him.

1. *Confirmation of the proceedings of the last meeting:*

Resolved that the proceedings of the last meeting of the Working Committee held at Delhi on 14th October, 1944, be confirmed.

Resolved further that in view of the acute scarcity of paper, the full proceedings of this and future meetings of the Working Committee and the Central Council are to be circulated only to the members of these two bodies; but, for publication in the Journal, only a short summary of the decisions arrived at would suffice.

2. *Annual Report for the year 1943-44:*

Resolved that the Working Committee recommends to the Central Council that the annual report, as circulated, be approved.

3. *Audited Accounts for the year 1943-44:*

The Working Committee heard the explanations of the Hony. General Secretary and the Hony. Treasurer on the Auditors' remarks in the balance sheet about some of the vouchers falling short of audit requirements and accepted the same and recommended to the Central Council that the audited accounts, as circulated, be adopted as the explanations showed that the objections of the auditors were of minor technical nature.

4. *Budget for the year, 1944-45:*

Resolved that the budget, as circulated, be approved and placed before the Central Council for adoption.

5. *Election of Office-bearer for the year 1944-45:*

Resolved that the Working Committee recommends to the Central Council that the Office-bearers for the year 1944-45 be elected from among the following members:—

Hony. General Secretary: Capt. P. B. Mukerji (Calcutta).

3 Hony. Jt. Secretaries: 1. Capt. S. C. Sen (New Delhi). 2. Dr. A. N. Ghosh (Calcutta). 3. Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao (Guntur).

3 Hony. Asstt. Secretaries: 1. Dr. S. K. Sivaya (Calcutta) 2. Dr. C. L. Bhatia (Amritsar). 3. Dr. Shridhar V. Oak (Bombay).

Hony. Treasurer: Dr. R. C. Sen (Calcutta).

Editor of the Journal of the Indian Medical Association: Dr. K. S. Ray (Calcutta).

6. *Election of 5 Additional Members to the Central Council for the year 1944-45:*

Resolved that the Working Committee recommends to the Central Council that the following members be elected as five additional members to the Central Council for the year 1944-1945:—

1. Dr. B. N. Prasad (Patna).
2. „ D. C. Chopra (Lahore).
3. „ A. N. Ghosh (Calcutta).
4. Rao Bahadur Dr. R. K. Naidu (Poona).
5. Major C. P. Bhatt (Karachi).

The Working Committee recommends to the Central Council that the relevant rule should be so altered as to allow all the members of the Working Committee to be *ex-officio* members of the Central Council. Resolved further that this proposal of the Committee be circulated amongst the branches for eliciting their opinion.

7. *Election of Journal Committee for the year 1944-45:*

Resolved that the Working Committee recommends to the Central Council that the Journal Committee for 1944-1945 be constituted as follows:—

Editor: Dr. K. S. Ray (Calcutta).
Hony. General Secretary: Capt. P. B. Mukerji (Calcutta).
Two Asstt. Editors: 1. Dr. B. P. Tribedi (Calcutta).
2. „ B. P. Neogy (Calcutta).
Business Manager: Dr. A. K. Chakrabarty (Calcutta).
Members: 1. Dr. C. C. Saha (Calcutta).
2. „ A. N. Mukerji (Calcutta).
3. „ B. N. Bhaduri (Calcutta).
4. „ B. B. Roy (Calcutta).
5. „ S. K. Basu (Calcutta).

8. *Appointment of an Auditor for the year 1944-45:*

Resolved that the Working Committee recommends to the Central Council that the Hony. General Secretary, the Hony. Treasurer and the Editor of the Journal of the I.M.A. be authorised to correspond, select and appoint an Auditor for the year 1944-45 and place the matter before the next meeting of the Working Committee and the Central Council for information.

9. *Resolutions brought forward by the local branches:*

The Hony. General Secretary reported that no resolution was forwarded by any branch for consideration of the Working Committee but those received from Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta (Bombay) and Lt.-Col. T. S. Shastry (Madras) were as follows:—

Resolutions from Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta:

(*a*) "The Working Committee recommends that whenever opinions of the branches of the I.M.A. are invited by the Government, commissions and committees on subjects and questions of interest of the medical profession of India the branches of I.M.A. must consult the Head Office in the matter prior to expressing their opinions."

(*b*) "The I.M.A. request the Govt. of India that sufficient time be given to the I.M.A. and its branches whenever their views and interviews are invited, to enable the I.M.A. to consult its branches and the latter to their Head Office to enable them to study the question properly before giving their considered opinion".

(*c*) "The Working Committee cannot but too strongly condemn the present policy of the Government of India of inviting foreign experts, particularly medical, to advise the Government of India or their committees on the question of medical relief, public health and medical education in India. The I.M.A. considers it impossible for such foreign experts, ignorant as they are of the country and her people, to grasp the intricacies and complexities of the problems of the country and suggest their solution in short time at their disposal."

(*d*) "According to rule No. 10-A(*c*) every branch of the I.M.A. is responsible for collection of subscription of its members and for its contribution to the H.O. according to the scale fixed by the C.C. for every member on its roll on the 1st October of each year and for all its new members enrolled during the year. The contribution to the H.O. due from a Branch on account of its membership shall be remitted by the branch before the close of the official year of the Association. No arrears of such contribution from a branch shall be written off by the C.C."

The Working Committee approved of the first two resolutions in the following forms and requested the Hony. General Secretary to circulate them to the branches for information:—

(*a*) "The Working Committee recommends that whenever opinions of the branches of Indian Medical Association are invited by the Central Government or by Commissions and Committees appointed by them, on matters of an All-India bearing, the branches should, as far as possible, consult the Head Office prior to expressing their own opinions on such subjects".

(*b*) As it is.

The Committee authorised the Hony. General Secretary to address a letter to the Labour Department of the Government of India, requesting that a representative of the Indian Medical Association should be included at any future meeting or Conference which might be convened to consider the Adarkar Report on Health Insurance for Industrial workers.

The Working Committee further resolved that the third resolution be forwarded to the Subjects Committee of the XXI All-India Medical Conference for their consideration. With regard to the fourth resolution suggesting stoppage of the practice of writing-off of arrears Central Fund Contribution, the Working Committee regretted that the proposal could not be accepted.

The following resolutions put forward by Lt.-Col. T. S. Shastri of Madras were next considered:—

(*a*) "Rule 21-D(*b*) should be 'Rights of members of the Conference. All members of the Conference shall have the right to take part in all discussions except on resolutions, but it is only the regular members of I.M.A. that can speak and vote on the resolution put forward at the Conference'."

(*b*) "To uphold the interests of the medical profession and to promote co-operation between the members thereof, being one of the objects of the I.M.A. *vide* Rule No. 2 of its Rules book, I move that general politics as such should be kept out of the I.M.A.—general politics as differentiated from medical politics which is purely in the interest of the medical profession and public health and which is allowed by the British Medical Association".

After some discussion in which all members present took part, Col. Sastri withdrew his proposals.

(*c*) "The Madras Branch of the I.M.A. be raised to the status of and be recognised as a Provincial Branch".

Resolved that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Working Committee and that in the meantime the Hony. General Secretary be requested to ascertain the views of the South India Provincial Branch on the subject.

10. *Venue and date of the XXII All-India Medical Conference:*

Resolved that the Working Committee recommends to the Central Council that the invitation of the Amritsar branch be accepted with thanks.

11. *Unfinished portion of the last meeting:*

(*a*) Application of South India Provincial Branch for sanction of Rs. 300/- for propaganda per letter no. nil dated 28-3-44.

Resolved that the Hony. Secretary of the South India Provincial Branch be requested to submit a report of its work and a statement of Accounts in respect of the amounts received so long as Provincial Quota from the Central Council after which the matter will be considered.

(*b*) Application for sanction of Rs. 100/- only for Propaganda submitted by the Howrah Branch through the Bengal Provincial Branch per letter No. nil dated 17-4-1944.

Resolved that the question be deferred till receipt of a report from the Bengal Provincial Branch as to the result achieved out of their efforts for a membership-drive in Calcutta for which a special grant was made by the Working Committee at its meeting held in February, 1944.

Resolved that the Hony. General Secretary be requested to review the question of increase in Dearness Allowance and put up his recommendations before the next meeting of the Committee.

(*d*) Suggestions of improving the study of medicine by the Bombay Branch.

Resolved that the matter be referred to the Planning Committee of the I.M.A.

12. *Madras Government Ban: Consideration of the letter dated 2nd November, 1944, received from the Under Secretary to the Govt. of Madras in reply to the President's letter dated 2nd September, 1944:*

Resolved that the President be authorised to write to the Secretary to the Government of Madras conveying the assurance asked for, so that the ban may be lifted.

Resolved further that a copy of the President's reply be forwarded to all the Provincial Branches for information and compliance.

13. *Consideration of opinions received from Branches on the Amendment of Rule 10-A(b) as proposed by the Bengal Provincial Branch:*

The amendment to rule 10-A(*b*) as proposed by the Bengal Provincial Branch ran as follows:—

"Substitute the figure '12' in lines 2 of Rules 10-A(*b*) by the figure '6'".

Resolved that as the majority of the branches favours *status quo*, the Working Committee does not approve of the amendment.

14. *Consideration of opinions received from Branches on the Amendment of Rule 17-C(c) re. deletion of second sentence of para 1 as proposed by the Headquarters:*

Resolved that the Working Committee approves of the amendment, as proposed by the Headquarters, and recommends to the Central Council for its adoption.

15. *Formation of Branches:*

The Hony. General Secretary reported that the following new branches had been formed since the last meeting of the Central Council:—

1. Bettiah in Bihar; 2. Arambagh in Bengal; 3. Etah & 4. Unao in U.P.; 5. Bannu (Direct); 6. Miraj & 7. Sangil in Maharastra & Karnatak; 8. Jagraon in the Punjab.

He also informed that the Medical Committee of the Indian Association at Birmingham has applied for affiliation to the Indian Medical Association.

Resolved that the Working Committee recommends to the Central Council that the formation of the above branches and affiliation of the Medical Committee of the Indian Association at Birmingham, be approved, subject to the formalities prescribed under rule 6-C(*a*) of the rules of the I.M.A. being complied with in full.

16. *Consideration of letter no. nil dated 22-9-1944 from the Bengal Provincial Branch requesting the Working Committee to declare some of its branches defunct.*

Dr. K. S. Ray having offered to negotiate with the defaulting branches in an effort to revive them, the Working Committee authorised Dr. Ray to deal with the matter and place the results of his negotiations before the next meeting of the Committee.

17. *Arrears Central Fund Contribution from different branches upto the year ending 30th September, 1944:*

18. *Writing-off of arrears Central Fund Contribution in respect of Chandpur and Hyderabad (Dn.) Branches:*

Resolved that the President-elect and the Hony. General Secretary be authorised to scrutinise the list of arrears Central Fund Contributions and take whatever action they think proper and necessary for the collection of the arrears.

19. *Application dated 31-10-1944 from the Hony. Secretary, Andhra Provincial Branch, for sanction of Rs. 350/- only for propaganda:*

Resolved that the Hony. Secretary, Andhra Provincial Branch, be requested to submit a full report of the work done, with special reference to the number of members enrolled and the number of branches opened, after the amount of Rs. 150/-, already granted by the Working Committee at its meeting held in February, 1944, for propaganda in its jurisdiction, has been exhausted so that the Committee may reconsider the question of a fresh grant.

20. *Consideration of letter no. 4412 F.R./9-4 dated 31-10-1944 from the Surgeon-General with the Government of Bengal re. sanction of gratuity to the dependants of late Dr. T. Wells, M.B.B.S., a volunteer doctor appointed through I.M.A. for Bengal Relief.*

Resolved that the Hony. General Secretary be requested to see the Surgeon-General, Bengal, and the Secretary to the Government of Bengal in the Department of Public Health and Local Self-Government, to expedite the award of a gratuity and subsidy to the widow of late Dr. T. Wells. Resolved further that a sum of at least Rs. 1000/- be sent to Mrs. Wells after collecting donations from the members of the Working Committee, Central Council, the Bombay branch and the Headquarters, the latter paying the deficit of the amount aimed at.

21. *Bihar Relief Fund:*

Resolved that the matter be referred to the Central Council.

22. *Reply sent by the Headquarters to the questionnaire of the Government of India re. Compilation of Indian Pharmacopœia:*

Resolved that the reply prepared by the Committee of Experts, specially appointed for the purpose, after due consideration of the opinions of the Provincial branches, and forwarded to the Government of India by the Hony. General Secretary be approved.

23. *Position with regard to Dr. K. S. Ray Gold Medal on 'Puerperal Sepsis'.*

24. *Position with regard to Capt. K. L. Saha Gold Medal on 'Any Subject in Pharmacology'.*

25. *Position with regard to Dr. S. N. Sen Gold Medal on 'Intestinal obstruction and other complications of appendicitis, how to prevent and treat such complications and save the patients from the cruel sufferings and deaths:*

Resolved that the awards be not made and the donors be requested to allow to credit the money they were willing to pay for the medals to the I.M.A. Research Fund.

I.M.A., CENTRAL COUNCIL—Summary of proceedings of the Fifth Annual meeting of the Central Council of the Indian Medical Association held at Cawnpore on the 27th December, 1944, at 9 a.m. in D. A. V. College.

1. *Confirmation of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Central Council held at Delhi on the 15th October, 1944.*

Resolved that the proceedings of the last meeting of the Central Council held at Delhi on the 15th October, 1944, be confirmed.

2. *Annual Report for the year 1943-44.*

Resolved that the Annual Report of the Central Council for the year, 1943-44, as circulated, be adopted, as recommended by the Working Committee.

3. *Audited Accounts for the year 1943-44.*

The Central Council noted the resolution of the Working Committee on this item which read as follows:—

"Resolved that the Working Committee heard the explanation of the Hony. General Secretary and the Hony. Treasurer on the Auditor's remarks in the balance sheet about some of the vouchers falling short of audit requirements, and accepted the same, and recommended to the Central Council that the audited accounts as circulated, be adopted, as the explanations shewed that the objections of the auditors were of minor technical nature."

Resolved that, as recommended by the Working Committee, the Audited Accounts for the year 1943-44, as circulated, be adopted.

4. *Budget for the year 1944-45.*

Resolved that the Budget for the year 1944-45 be adopted, as recommended by the Working Committee.

5. *Election of Office-bearers for the year 1944-45.*

The Hony. General Secretary reported that, under Rule 17-C(*a*), the President and three Vice-Presidents of the Association had been already elected. They were:—

President: Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta (Bombay).

Vice-Presidents: 1. Capt. S. K. Chaudhury (Benares), 2. Dr. C. C. Ghosh (Peshawar), 3. Lt. Col. K. N. Waghray (Hyderabad-Dn.).

Hony. General Secretary: Resolved that Capt. P. B. Mukherji (Calcutta) be declared re-elected as the Hony. General Secretary of the Association for the year 1944-45.

Joint Hony. Secretaries: Resolved that Capt. S. C. Sen (Delhi), Dr. A. N. Ghosh (Calcutta) and Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao (Guntur) be elected Joint Hony. Secretaries of the Association for the year, 1944-45.

Hony. Asstt. Secretaries: Resolved that Dr. Shridhar V. Oak (Bombay), Dr. Chunilal Bhatia (Amritsar) and Dr. S. K. Sivaya (Calcutta) be elected Hony. Asstt. Secretaries of the Association for the year, 1944-45.

Hony. Treasurer: Resolved that Dr. R. C. Sen (Calcutta) be elected Hony. Treasurer of the Association for the year 1944-45.

Editor of the Journal of the I.M.A.: Resolved that Dr. K. S. Ray (Calcutta) be re-elected Editor of the Journal of the Indian Medical Association.

6. *Election of Five Additional Members to the Central Council for 1944-45.*

Resolved that the following five members be declared as additional members of the Central Council for 1944-45:—

1. Dr. A. K. Chakrabarty (Calcutta), 2. Dr. (Miss) B. Thungamma (Benares), 3. Dr. K. Viswanatha Rao (Vizagapatam), 4. Dr. S. Samaddar (Patna) and 5. Dr. A. K. Sen (Calcutta).

7. *Election of Journal Committee for* 1944-45.

Resolved that the Journal Committe for the year 1944-45 be elected as follows:—

Ex-officio members:

Editor: Dr. K. S. Ray (Calcutta).

Hony. General Secretary: Capt. P. B. Mukerji (Calcutta).

Asstt. Editors: 1. Dr. B. P. Neogy (Calcutta) and 2. Dr. B. P. Tribedi (Calcutta).

Business Manager: Dr. A. K. Chakrabarty (Calcutta).

Five members: 1. Dr. C. C. Saha (Calcutta), 2. Dr. A. N. Mukherji (Calcutta), 3. Dr. B. N. Bhaduri (Calcutta), 4. Dr. Susil Kumar Basu (Calcutta) and 5. Dr. B. B. Roy (Calcutta).

8. *Appointment of an Auditor for 1944-45.*

Resolved that the President be authorised to appoint an Auditor for the year 1944-45.

9. *Resolutions brought forward by Local Branches.*

The Hony. General Secretary informed the house that there was no resolution from any branch but the following resolutions were brought forward by Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta (Bombay) and Lt. Col. T. S. Shastry (Madras), respectively.

(*i*) The Working Committee recommends that whenever opinions of the branches of the I.M.A. are invited by the Government, commissions and committees on subject and questions of interest to the medical profession of India, the branches of I.M.A. must consult the Head Office in the matter prior to expressing their opinions.

(*ii*) The I.M.A. request the Government of India that sufficient time be given to the I.M.A. and its branches whenever their views and interviews are invited, to enable the I.M.A. to consult its branches and the latter to their Head Office to enable them to study the question properly before giving their considered opinion.

(*iii*) The Working Committe cannot but too strongly condemn the present policy of the Government of India of inviting foreign experts particularly medical to adivse the Government of India or their committees on the question of medical relief, public health and medical education in India. The I.M.A. considers it impossible for such foreign experts, ignorant as they are of the country and her people, to grasp the intricacies and complexities of the problems of the country and suggest their solution in short time at their disposal.

Lt.-Col. T. S. Shastry (Madras)

"The Madras city branch of the I.M.A. be raised to the status of and be recognised as a provincial branch."

With regard to the first resolution brought forward by Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta (Bombay), it was resolved that the Central Council approved of it in the form adopted by the Working Committee which reads as follows:—

(*i*) The Working Committee recommends that whenever opinions of the branches of the Indian Medical Association are invited by the Central Government or by Commissions and Committees appointed by them, on matters of an All-India bearing the branches should, as far as possible, consult the Head Office prior to expressing their own opinion on such subjects.

The second resolution was approved by the Central Council in the same form in which it was proposed by Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta.

The Central Council approved of the action of the Working Committee in forwarding the third resolution of Dr. Mehta to the Subjects Committee of the Conference and endorsed the opinion of the Committee on his fourth resolution.

With regard to the resolution of Lt.-Col. T. S. Shastry (Madras), the Central Council approved of the first part of the decision of the Working Committee, namely that "the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Working Committee" but did not agree to the Hony. General Secretary ascertaining the views of the South India Provincial Branch as recommended in the latter of the Working Committee's resolution.

10. *Venue and date of XXII All-India Medical Conference.*

Resolved that the invitation of the Amritsar Branch be accepted, as recommended by the Working Committee.

11. *Formation of Branches.*

The Hony. General Secretary reported that the following new branches had been formed since the last meeting of the Central Council:—

1. Bettiah in Bihar, 2. Arambagh in Bengal, 3. Etah in U. P., 4. Unao in U.P., 5. Bannu *direct* under Headquarters, 6. Miraj in Maharastra & Karnatak, 7. Sangail in Maharastra and Karnatak, 8. Jagraon in the Punjab

Resolved that the formation of the above branches and affiliation of the Medical Committee of the Indian Association of Birmingham be approved, subject to the formalities prescribed under the rules being complied with in full.

12. *Agenda and Proceedings of the Working Committee Meeting held at Cawnpore on the 25th December, 1944.*

The Proceedings were approved of with the following modifications:—

Item No. 20. Consideration of letter no. 4412 F.R./9-4 dated 31-10-44 from the Surgeon General with the Government of Bengal re. Sanction of gratuity to the dependants of late Dr. T. Wells, M.B.B.S. a volunteer doctor appointed through I.M.A. for Bengal Relief.

The Central Council approved of the resolution of the Working Committee and further resolved that the Hony. General Secretary be authorised to collect money from members of the Association for creating a fund for rendering financial assistance to the widow and family of the late Dr. Wells and hand over the total collection to the President, Bombay branch, for payment to her after adding the contribution of the Bombay branch to the sum so collected.

Item No. 21. Bihar Relief Fund:

Resolved that the Hony. Secretary of the Bihar Provincial Branch be requested to return to the Head Office the balance of the money lying with him on this account, received either from the Headquarters or directly from members and branches of the Association along with a Statement of Accounts.

Resolved further that the money so received and the amount still lying with the Head Office should be kept in the Bihar Relief Fund and that the matter be placed before the next meeting of the Central Council for direction as to the disposal of the fund.

Item Nos. 23, 24 and 26. The President announced that Dr. K. S. Ray and Capt. K. L. Saha had agreed to donate sums equivalent to the price of the medals which they had declared they would award to the writers of two of the best papers on "Peurperal Sepsis" and any subject in "Pharmacology" to the Research Fund of the I.M.A., in view of the fact that the contributions received were not adjudged by the references to merit the award of the medals.

Dr. S. N. Sen (Monghyr) desired the Central Council to invite articles on the subject in which he had offered a medal for another year.

With a vote of thanks proposed by the chair and passed unanimously with acclamation to Rai Sahib Dr. S. N. Kaul, the retiring President for his devoted services to the cause of the profession in general and to the Association in particular the meeting of the Central Council terminated.

JAIPUR BRANCH—Meeting of the Executive Council, held on 20-12-44 at Jaipur in the Library Room of the Lady Willingdon Hospital.

The Receipt & Expenditure for the session 1944-45, was placed before the house by the Secretary and was accepted.

The Medical Act of the Government of Jaipur, was considered which makes a provision for the establishment of the Medical Council, in the Jaipur State. The President informed the members that he had reliably been given to understand that the Government is keen to establish the Council in a very short time.

Third item on the agenda was the problem of certificates, which were invariably returned by the State Departments, for countersignatures and second opinion of the Director of Medical Services. Resolved that this Association approaches the Chief Secretary to the Government of Jaipur, through the Director of Medical Services, to issue necessary instruction to all the State Departments that leave certificates issued by a Registered Medical Practitioner be recognised without needing a countersignature.

Next the house discussed the problem of the supply of quinine and its substitutes to the private medical practitioners.

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Meeting held on 14-12-44 at the Lady Willingdon Hospital with Mr. J. F. Robinson, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., F.A.C.S., Director Medical Services and Vice-Patron of the Association in the chair:

Mr. Mahesh Prasad discussed a case of Lichen Planus.

Dr. Raj Narain, M.B.B.S. demonstrated 4 cases *viz.*, 1. Unresolved Pneumonia. 2. Abscess of the Lung. 3. Hydrocephalus. 4. Cirrhosis of the Liver.

Drs. J. P. Taunk, Consul and Ramanand presented several cases of tumours of the eyes, congenital glaucoma and nystagmus and discussed their etiology, pathology and treatment.

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Special meeting held on 29-12-44 with Dr. R. E. Heilig in the chair to condole the sad demise of Her Highness Shri Senior Maharani Rathoreji.

The following resolution was moved by the chair:

"Resolved that the Jaipur Medical Association (Branch of India Medical Association) places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the sad and untimely demise of Her Highness Shri Senior Maharani Sahiba Rathoreji and sends its respectful sympathies to His Highness the Maharaja Sahib Bahadur and the members of the Ruling Family in their bereavement".

The members prayed for the peace of the departed soul and observed silence for a few minutes all standing.

MADRAS BRANCH—Report for the year 1943-44.

Membership—The strength of the Association at the beginning of the year was 83 and the present strength 124.

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The Head Office kindly sanctioned Rs. 150 towards propaganda and membership drive in the City of Madras. Part of this money has been utilised and it is proposed to utilise the remaining sum for further work in this direction.

Meetings—There were one General Body Meeting, six clinical meetings and three committee meetings during the year. The General Body Meeting was held on 31-1-'44 at 'Wood Lands' when office-bearers were elected for the year and there was a subscription dinner after the meeting.

The Working Committee and Central Council of the Indian Medical Association held their meetings at Madras (for the first time in South India) on 1st, 2nd and 3rd September 1944. We commend the move of the President, Rai Sahib Dr. S. N. Kaul in calling the meetings in different centres of India, as it gives the officials of the Association an opportunity to meet and exchange views with the members of the Association and incidentally of the profession of different provinces.

In this connection we have to thank the members for the liberal donations, Dr. C. V. Srinivasan and Lt.-Col. K. G. Pandalai for billetting some of the members of Working Committee and Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Tirumurthy for helping us to secure the Hotel D'Madras for holding the meetings. Lt.-Col. T. S. Shastri gave a dinner to the members of the Working Committee and Central Committee on 1-9-44.

Other Activities—The Association represented to the Provincial Motor Transport Controller the desirability of the rationing authorities consulting the local branch of the I.M.A. regarding the supply of petrol and rubber products to the members as per the suggestions contained in the letter P.R. No. 466 (10)/42 from the additional Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, War Transport Department. We regret to inform the members that the local authorities do not consider consultation necessary.

Bihar Relief—A very deserving appeal made on behalf of Bihar Relief Fund was liberally responded to by our members and a sum of about Rs. 1,500 was contributed on the spot at the time of Working Committee meeting.

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The Annual General Meeting held on 30-10-44 with Dr. E. V. Srinivasan in the chair:

A condolence resolution on the sad and untimely death of Captain M. Sanjiva Rao, one of the Founder Secretaries of the Association was moved from the Chair, and passed all standing.

The following office-bearers were elected unanimously:

President—Lt.-Col. T. S. Shastri, I.M.S. *Vice-Presidents*—Drs. K. Narayanamoorthy, M.D. and K. C. Nambiar, F.R.C.S. *Hony. Secretaries*—Drs. K. L. Narayana Rao, M.B.B.S. and K. V. Swamy, M.B.B.S. *Hony. Treasurer*—Dr. M. R. Bail, M.B.B.S. *Committee Members*—Drs. K. R. C. Hebbar, M.B.B.S., G. S. Katre, M.B.B.S., K. B. Bhujanga Rao, S. Hanumantha Rao, L.M. & S., U. Krishna Rau, M.B.B.S., P. Krishnaswamy, A. M. Sivaraman, V. C. Gupta, D. V. Venkappa, K. Bhasyam, C. P. Viswanatha Menon, M.S.F.R.C.S. and K. Krishna Nair, B.A., M.B.B.S.

Representatives to the Central Council—Drs. U. Krishna Rau, K. V. Swamy, and Lt.-Col. T. S. Shastry.

Representatives to the Provincial Branch—Drs. K. Narayanamoorthy, M. R. Bail, and P. Krishnaswamy.

A resolution moved by Dr. U. Krishna Rau, raising the subscription from Rs. 5/- to Rs. 7/- per year was passed.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

I.M.A., CENTRAL COUNCIL—The following is the reply of the Indian Medical Association to the Questionnaire of the Medical Relief Advisory Committee (Health Survey and Development Committee):

In this reply the I.M.A. is answering to only 2 questions *viz.* IV(*4*) and VII. The other questions being fact-finding ones will perhaps be dealt with better by Provincial or State Governments.

Question IV(4): What should be the policy of the State regarding the control and supervision of indigenous systems and homœopathy?

Answer: The following suggestions are made:—

1. Nobody should be allowed to practise either as a Homœopath or a Vaid or a Hakim (or even as an Allopath), who has not had a certain prescribed minimum standard or general, scientific and professional education and who does not possess a registrable medical qualification approved of by recognised Medical Councils in the respective provinces. If and when the degree standard of a University becomes the standard of medical education in India, the same should also apply in the case of Homœopaths, Hakims and Vaids.

2. Homœopaths, Vaids and Hakims should not be allowed to treat, according to their systems, cases of infectious diseases like Diphtheria, Plague etc. and social diseases like Syphilis, Gonorrhœa etc. for which there are specific cures in the allopathic system. The ban can be removed if and when the State is convinced that Homœopaths, Vaids and Hakims possess equally good specific cures for these diseases. A similar ban existed in Pre-war Germany.

The reasons for our suggestion No. 1 are many. They may be briefly stated as follows:—

A. It is presumed that Public Health laws and regulations, which at present are incomplete and defective, will become more comprehensive in Post-War India. Such laws and regulations will however become ineffective if Homœopaths, Hakims and Vaids do not possess sufficient knowledge of modern medicine, are not able to diagnose diseases according to modern standards and nomenclature of diseases, and are either unable to conform to or allowed to evade Public Health regulations, so far as notifiable infectious diseases are concerned, for example, cases of Small-pox, Cholera, Plague etc. will, if our recommendation is accepted, be diagnosed by practitioners of every system as such, and will have to be notified as such, and there will be no excuse or loophole for not doing so. This will greatly help the Public Health Department in controlling infectious diseases.

B. If all diseases are diagnosed on a uniform standard, statistics of incidence of disease, mortality figures and cures will be more accurate and dependable.

C. If registration of all medical practitioners, after proper qualification, becomes compulsory and birth and death certifications also become compulsory, statistical information will become even more reliable.

D. When Homœopaths, Vaids and Hakims are required to possess a medical qualification also, their services will be available, when preventive measures like mass inoculations become necessary. Because of the knowledge they will possess, they will also be able to instruct their patients in personal hygiene and hygiene of the home and thus be able to check the spread of infectious and contagious diseases.

E. In the British Isles and on the continent of Europe, every practising Homœopath is a fully qualified medical man possessing registrable qualifications and is also registered. In the U.S.A., also in many States the same conditions prevail. This will show that our recommendation is not arbitrary.

F. It may be argued that it is not necessary for Hakims, Vaids and Homœopaths to possess allopathic qualifications and that some teaching of Anatomy, Physiology etc. is enough, as is the case in some institutions either run or recognised by some of the Provincial Governments at the present time.

The I.M.A. wishes to point out that the standard of teaching in these subjects is very poor; as a matter of fact, it is like an "eye wash". For reasons given above, the standard of allopathic education even for Homœopaths, Vaids and Hakims should be high.

G. As a matter of fact, Homœopathy, Ayurved and Unani may be treated as special subjects, like a doctor practising in the speciality of medicine, surgery, bacteriology etc. to be taken up for post-graduate study.

If in deference to wishes of the public, it is decided to encourage these systems of medicine, separate wards can be opened in general hospitals for study, practice and research in these subjects. This will also help in assessing the merits of these alternative methods. Investigations could be carried on and proved remedies could be incorporated into an Indian Materia Medica.

H. At present, there is hardly any restriction in most of the Indian Provinces about anybody starting a medical practice—either as an Allopath, Homœopath, Vaid or Hakim. There is no control by the Government and no public agitation against it. As a matter of fact, no training or knowledge appears to be the *sine qua non* for starting any medical practice whereas for every other profession, a general knowledge, special training and registration or license are required. So far as medical practice is concerned, the Government and the public appear to think that anybody can be let loose in the country to start a medical practice without doing any harm whatsoever. This state of affairs should be considered intolerable and stopped at an early date. The Post-War Policy of the Government of India should be to have a very high standard of medical efficiency—and whatever may be the system of treatment the public may wish for, the Government must exercise its responsibility and ensure that medical men in India are fully trained and possess qualifications in no way inferior to those in other parts of the world and that its public health policy and regulations are at par with those of other advanced countries—not merely on paper, but in actual practice.

Question VII: What is the general policy pursued in the Province to solve the problem of adequate medical relief to the people? Are arrangements for medical relief in your Province satisfactory? What further additions to these are necessary to perfect medical relief as part of a scheme for Post-War Reconstruction?

Answer: The general policy of all Provincial Governments has so far been to provide a few hospitals and dispensaries in some of the important towns. There are also hospitals and dispensaries run by district boards and municipalities in other towns. There is thus divided authority between the Government, district and local boards and municipalities. In addition, there are voluntary and charitable organisations run either by private individuals or societies.

Most of the hospitals including maternity homes, sanatoria, mental hospitals etc. and dispensaries have not enough funds and the staff is inadequate and poor in quality. As such the service they render is poor and insufficient. Because of large number of patients, particularly in the outpatient departments of dispensaries and smaller hospitals, even suitable medicines, in adequate quantities cannot be given to them not to speak of good attention.

So far as the health department is concerned, the organisation is poor; it suffers from lack of adequate staff, resources and suitable policy. The department is further hampered by defective and deficient health regulations.

Added to all these difficulties, there is lack of proper education in the country and a very poor standard of living. All these factors combine to defeat the objectives and render still less effective whatever little could be achieved by the medical and health departments.

Such, in brief, is the present position of the health problem in the country. The arrangements for medical relief also is very far from satisfactory. For the majority of the people, it would perhaps be true to say practically "no arrangement exists."

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The following scheme is suggested to perfect medical relief as part of a scheme of Post-War Reconstruction:—

General consideration:—It is taken for granted that arrangements will be made for an adequate living standard for the mass of the people and an adequate standard of education will be provided for them. It is further assumed that adequate arrangements will be made towards the achievement of positive health and prevention of disease. Without these three provisions, no system of medical relief, however efficient and well-organised will achieve the desired results.

Even on the basis of 1 medical man to 2000 of the population (which is lower than the ideal basis of 1 for every 1000) we shall need about 2,00,000 doctors and we have only about 50,000. Measures will have to be taken to produce 150,000 more doctors and the corresponding number of nurses, health visitors etc. before we can reach the stage of being able to give comprehensive medical service to the nation.

The comprehensive medical service for the nation, which we envisage should (*a*) provide a system of medical service towards the achievement of positive health, of the prevention of disease and the relief of sickness and (*b*) render available to every individual all necessary medical services, both general and specialist, and both domiciliary and institutional. This standard has been accepted by the B.M.A., the Medical Planning Commission appointed by the B.M.A. and Sir William Beveridge. This must also include full nursing and other facilities.

In the Provinces, there should be a central authority directing the medical and health policy. Divided responsibility between the Government, District Boards and Municipalities should disappear. Hospitals, clinics and laboratories should be started, financed and controlled by one central authority.

The present system of having Surgeon-Generals as heads of the medical department in the provinces should disappear. Instead, Directors of Medical Department should be appointed with suitable departmental heads and assistants. These Directors as well as Directors of Public Health should not only be men of vision and experience but they should preferably have intimate knowledge of the province and its medical and health problems. They should not be too old (on the verge of retirement) so that they are in a position to give 5-10 years's service and are able to initiate and launch new schemes, get over the difficulties and obstacles, modify them when necessary and see them through.

The first part of the service will be taken over by the health department including school and industrial medical services.

For the relief of sickness, we shall need general practitioners, specialists and consultants, adequate laboratory facilities, clinics and hospitals dotted all over the country in suitable places. By hospitals is meant general and special hospitals like maternity homes, sanatoria, mental hospitals and hydrotherapeutic institutions etc. Laboratory service should be provided in the form that will best further the private practice of medicine and treatment of disease. Nursing services including midwives and health visitors in co-operation with the local practitioners should be started and extended.

Even when we get the required number of medical personnel, the problems that will face us will be distribution of doctors (in urban, industrial and rural areas) and care of the indigent sick.

The problem of the indigent sick is a serious problem: The indigent sick are obviously both sick and indigent, and they need many things besides medical treatment. It should be the duty of the state to provide not only the medical treatment, but everything else that is necessary. Wealthy sick need no charity. This is the view which has been accepted by Sir William Beveridge in his report. Social insurance, where possible, and State contribution, where necessary, should pay for all vital medical and other needs.

The second problem will be the problem of rural medical service. Because of various reasons this is a problem all over the world. There is a dearth of medical service in the rural areas. Various remedies have been tried with varying degrees of success *e.g.*, subsidies, co-operative plans, voluntary agreements etc.

Medical Service like every other commodity in our present economic system, moves in response to a recognition of its need and value, a desire and an effective demand. To a large extent this recognition, desire and demand are three successive and essential steps. If either is lacking, the commodity will usually not be supplied.

Recognition depends largely on the education and intelligence of the people. An ignorant, illiterate and socially backward people and even some educated will prefer "patent" medicines, home remedies, witch doctors, quacks or cultists even when its residents recognise that they are sick.

Desire also depends largely on native intelligence and education.

Even if good medical service is desired, it cannot usually come into a community unless the demand for it is supported by adequate purchasing power.

If good medical service is to be provided for in poor localities either general incomes must be increased or the fact frankly faced that the remainder of the nation must assist the residents of such communities to obtain not only medical service but food, clothing, homes and education and other privileges of modern society.

It must, however, be realised that the slums, over crowding, noise, smoke and industrial uncertainty, as well as doctors, hospitals, libraries, schools and theatres have always been more plentiful in the cities than in the rural areas and there is little reason to expect this difference wholly to disappear in the future. It is as impossible to take all the desirable features of city life to the farm as it is to move the open fields and deep forests to the city.

The following remedies are suggested to improve the conditions in the rural areas:—

1. Local subsidies where these are insufficient. Such subsidies cannot be accepted as a panacea for all the weakness in rural medical service.
2. Salaried medical and nursing services for other rural areas. Salaries should be adequate, with good living conditions, provision for holidays, pension etc.
3. Opportunities for post-graduate training, refresher courses etc.
4. Availability to rural doctors of hospital and laboratory facilities and necessary services.
5. Good communications: Transportation, telephones, physical obstacles such as mountains and rivers, often have more effect in determining the availability of medical services than immediate proximity.
6. Ambulance services may be made available to rural areas. Improved transportation will sometime change the entire relation of a community to medical facilities. Ambulance equipped for emergency surgical work may be attached to hospitals located within a reasonable distance of communities lacking hospitals facilities: Air ambulance have been successfully used in Australian Bush areas.
7. The life of the rural medical practitioners and the rural medical and nursing services should be made attractive enough to compensate for other disadvantages associated with rural practice.

RESEARCH FUND (INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION)

Dr. M. L. Gujral (Cawnpore), Rs. 1000/-; Dr. R. C. Sen, Calcutta, Rs. 250/-; Dr. H. G. D. Mathur, Lucknow, Rs. 100/-; Anonymous, Rs. 700/-; Dr. B. K. Ghosh (Barrackpore), Rs. 10/-.

BIHAR RELIEF FUND (INDIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION)

Jalpaiguri Branch, Rs. 10/-.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

I.M.A., WORKING COMMITTEE—Summary proceedings of the sixteenth meeting of the Working Committee of the Indian Medical Association held at Calcutta at 67, Dharmatala Street (Office of the Bengal Provincial Branch, I.M.A.) on the 1st April, 1945, at 10 a.m.

1. *Confirmation of the Proceedings of the last meeting:*

Resolved that the proceedings of the last meeting of the Working Committee held at Cawnpore on the 25th December, 1944, be confirmed.

8(*g*). *Consideration of the possibilities of amalgamation between the Indian Medical Association and All-India Medical Licentiates' Association.:*

The Working Committee resolved to approve in principle the amalgamation of the I.M.A. and A.I.M.L.A. and recommended to the Central Council, if it approved of the same, to appoint a committee consisting of not more than seven members to do the needful (14 voted for and 1 against).

2. *Consideration of I.M.S. (Civil) (Conditions of service) Rules 1941, dated March, 21, 1941.*

Consideration of the matter was postponed to the next meeting of the Working Committee and Capt. S. C. Sen of Delhi was requested to kindly try and procure the I.M.S. (Civil) (Reserved Posts) Rules 1939, for a comparative study of the present rules in the light of the old ones.

3. *The Statutory Labour Committee for the consideration of Prof. Adarkar's Report on Health Insurance and the Indian Medical Association.*

Resolved that a sub-committee consisting of Lt. Col. Amir Chand (Lahore), Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta (Bombay), Capt. H. N. Shivapuri (Lucknow) and Capt. S. C. Sen (Delhi) be formed with Capt. Sen as the Convener, for the purpose of studying Prof. Adarkar's Report and preparing a Memorandum on the same and submit the Memorandum within six weeks for consideration of the Working Committee at its next meeting. Resolved further that the Memorandum prepared by the Sub-Committee, when received, should be forwarded to each Provincial Branch for its observations which should be submitted within four weeks from the date of receipt of the same.

Resolved further that Second Class T.A., both ways, be sanctioned for the members of the sub-committee to meet at a central place for preparation of the Memorandum.

4. *Formation of a Committee for consideration of Bhore Committee's Report, when it is published.*

Resolved that five local committees be formed at the place mentioned below to study the Bhore Committee's report as soon as it is out and to submit their observations on the same in the form of a Memorandum:—

Calcutta, Bombay, Lahore, Madras, Lucknow.

Resolved further (1) that these local committees be requested to submit their Notes on the Bhore Committee's Report within eight weeks of the publication of the same, (2) that each Provincial Branch of the Association be also requested to study the Bhore Committee's report as soon as it is out and to submit a similar note on the same within 8 weeks of its publication, (3) that the notes so received from the 5 local committees and the Provincial Branches be then considered by a Central Committee.

This Committee be requested to submit its Report within 8 weeks of the receipt of the last note from the local committees and the Provincial Branches, (4) that the Report of the Central Committee, when ready, be placed before the next meeting of the Working Committee for discussion and preparation of a final memorandum embodying the opinion of the Indian Medical Association on the recommendations in the Bhore Committee's Report, (5) That this Memorandum be then placed before the next meeting of the Central Council for further discussion and adoption.

5. *North Vizagapatam Medical Relief Fund opened by the Andhra Provincial Branch at Naupada: Question of a contribution from the General Funds of the Indian Medical Association.*

The Working Committee resolved that it viewed with alarm the state of distress prevalent in the North Vizagapatam District along the coast, due to famine and diseases, and are of the opinion that immediate steps should be taken by the Local and Central Governments for meeting the situation that has arisen in that area.

The Working Committee further resolved that it put on record its sense of high appreciation of the efforts made by Dr. P. Gurumurty, the President of the Andhra Provincial Branch, and his colleagues in organising this relief work, in starting the Camp Hospital and in rendering medical aid to the suffering people of the locality at great personal sacrifice and trouble.

6. *Consideration of opening of a separate account for the collection towards the Research Fund.*

The Working Committee recommended to the Central Council to sanction the opening of a special account in the bank to be called "I. M. A.—Research Fund" and all collections received for this purpose should be credited to that account. The Committee also decided that contributions received to the fund should be suitably invested from time to time and that the interest accruing to the fund should be credited to it. It was further resolved that continuous efforts should be made for collecting further donations to the fund by publishing appeals in the Journal and requesting the Provincial and local branches to make special efforts in securing further collections from their members.. It was further resolved that the question of utilising the fund for endowing fellowships or scholarships for starting original work in some branch of medical science should be taken up at the meeting of the "Working Committee to be held at the time of the next Annual Conference.

7. *Formation of Branches.*

The Hony. General Secretary reported that the following new branches had been formed since the last meeting of the Central Council—

(1) Hukuri Road, (2) Dharwar, (3) Satara, (4) Kolhapur under Maharastra and Karnatak Provincial Branch, (5) Patiala, (6) Chinot, (7) Okara, (8) Tarn Taran, (9) Karnal under Punjab Provincial Branch, (10) Dalmianagar-Sasaram-Dehri, (11) Sherghati under Bihar Provincial Branch, (12) Alwar State (Rajputana) under U.P. Provincial Branch, (13) Balasore in Orissa.

Resolved that the Working Committee recommends to the Central Council that the formation of the above branches of the Indian Medical Association be approved, subject to the formalities prescribed under rule 6-C (*a*) of the rules of the Indian Medical Association being complied with in full.

8. *Miscellaneous:*

(*a*) *Consideration of Hony. General Secretary's recommendation on the increment of dearness allowance for the staff.*

(*b*) *Application from Mahadeo Rowth, night guard, for increment of pay.*

The Working Committee recommended to the Central Council to sanction an increase of Dearness Allowance payable to all the members of the staff of the Association (Central as well as Journal) of Rs. 10/- (Rupees ten) each per month with effect from 1st April, 1945.

8 (*b*) *Consideration of letter dated 28/1/45 from Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao of Guntur, Hony. Jt. Secretary, I.M.A., for propaganda work in Andhra Desa.*

(*q*) *Consideration of letter dated 28/1/1945 from Lt.-Col. Amir Chand I.M.S. (Retd.) of Lahore to the President, offering his services for propaganda work in the Punjab, N.W.F.P. & C.P.*

(*y*) *Offer of Lt.-Col. T. S. Shastry I.M.S. (Retd.) of Madras for propaganda work in South India.*

(*x*) *Letter from Dr. B. L. Kapur, President, Punjab Provincial Branch, re. grant for propaganda in the Punjab.*

The Working Committee recommended to the Central Council to sanction, for the present,

Rs. 300/- for Dr. Hanumantha Rao's tour in Andhra Desa;
„ 400/- for Col. Shastry's tour in Tamil Nad, Cochin, Mysore and Travancore;
„ 300/- for Col. Amirchand's tour in N.W.F.P. and C.P. and Berar;
„ 100/- for Dr. K. K. Sen Gupta's expenses in organising branches in Assam; and
„ 500/- to the Punjab Provincial Branch for Propaganda work in the Punjab (this will include Col. Amirchand's tour expenses in the same province).

8 (*c*) *Consideration of opinions received from the branches on the Amendments to the Rules of the I.M.A. proposed by Capt. H. N. Shivapuri:*

At the request of Capt. Shivapuri, consideration of this matter was postponed to the next meeting of the Working Committee.

8 (*d*) *Resolutions passed by the Annual Conference at Cawnpore, 1944:*

The Hony. General Secretary reported the steps that were being taken to give effect to the resolutions passed at the last All-India Medical Conference at Cawnpore and in forwarding copies of the same to the proper authorities.

8 (*e*) *Consideration of the working of the Provident Fund Scheme as approved by the Central Council:*

Dr. A. N. Ghosh, Jt. Hony. Secretary, was requested to kindly collect details of the informations necessary in starting the working of the Provident Fund and to place them before the next meeting of the Working Committee.

8 (*f*) *Madras Government Ban:*

The Hony. General Secretary placed before the Committee the correspondence received from the Madras Government informing that the ban imposed by them against membership of the Indian Medical Association by Medical Officers under their employ had been withdrawn. The Working Committee noted with satisfaction the action taken by the Madras Government in this matter.

8 (*h*) *Bihar Relief Fund: Disposal of surplus:*

The matter was postponed for consideration at the next meeting of the Working Committee, pending receipt of the final reply from the Hony. Secretary, Bihar Provincial Branch.

8 (*i*) *Resolution from the Najibabad Branch re. prohibition of unqualified medical practitioners to practise in allopathic system of medicine within the Municipal limits:*

The Working Committee regretted that it was not possible to take any action in the matter as there was no law to prevent quack practice in the country.

8 (*j*) *Resolution from Lt.-Col. Shastry re. full T.A. to members of the Working Committee:*

The Working Committee decided to postpone consideration of this matter till the meeting of the Working Committee to be held during the session of the next All-India Medical Conference at Amritsar.

8 (*k*) *Circular No. 11 re. Working Committee members being ex-officio members of the Central Council:*

Resolved that the Working Committee do not accept the proposal, as a large majority of the branches have expressed their opinion against its acceptance.

8 (*l*) *Dr. P. K. Guha's resolution:*

The President said that as it was not possible under any rule of this Association to abolish the Working Committee, the resolution was out of order and could not, therefore, be taken up for consideration.

8 (*m*) *Letter dated 7-3-45 from West Godavari Branch re. printing of Ethical Rules published in the Association Journal, May, 1941:*

The Working Committee accorded permission to the branch to print the rules at its own expense and to distribute the same amongst members.

8 (*n*) *Letter dated 14th March, 1945, from Bengal Provincial Branch re. consideration of resolutions (particularly no. 3 & 10) passed at Bengal Provincial Conference in 1944:*

The Working Committee recommended that these resolutions should be forwarded to the local committees which were appointed for the purpose of considering Bhore Committee's Report for their consideration.

8 (*o*) *Consideration of the report from the representatives of the Indian Medical Association to the meeting of the Drugs Technical Advisory Board held at Delhi on 23-1-45:*

The Working Committee resolved that the reports of the representatives, when received, be forwarded to the Journal Committee for publication in the Journal of the Association.

8 (*p*) *Life Insurance Medical Examination Fees; desirability of a further approach to Indian Life Insurance Companies Association:*

Consideration of the item was postponed to the next meeting of the Working Committee.

8 (*s*) *Report from the Journal Committee, if any:*

Resolved that the members of the staff who handle Association money should furnish fidelity-bonds and the Association should reimburse them by the amount of premium paid by them.

8 (*t*) *Consideration of letter No. F-18-1/43-H dated 22nd March, 1945, from Under Secretary to the Government of India re. countersignature of initial medical certificates:*

The Working Committee regretted that the Government of India did not see their way to comply with the very reasonable request that was made by the Association and requested the Hony. General Secretary to address the Government of India again in the matter for reconsideration of the subject.

8 (*u*) *Resolution re. purchaser's license by Dr. Chamanlal Mehta:*

The Working Committee regretted the attitude of the Government of India in continuing to compel the medical profession to take out a Purchasers' License in spite of repeated representations made by the Indian Medical Association on the subject and inspite of the statement contained in letter No. 483 D.M. (1) 44 dated 19-10-44 from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Industries and Civil Supplies, that "the question of altering the terms and phraseology of the purchaser's license under the Drugs Control Order, 1943, would be considered when licensing procedure for the licensing year beginning in February 15th, 1945, was decided upon". The Committee was of the opinion that the members of the profession whose names were borne on any of the Provincial Medical Registers should be allowed to purchase their requirements for dispensing to their own patients on the strength of their Registration Certificates; but, if this was not considered enough, they should be issued a Permit on a nominal fee.

Resolved further that the Hon'ble Member-in-Charge of the Department of Industries and Civil Supplies, Government of India, be approached again for a favourable consideration of the matter.

8 (*v*) *Consideration of resolutions brought forward by Col. Shastry:*

1. Resolved that the Provincial Governments be requested to remove the Health and Medical Department from the jurisdiction of local bodies and to arrange for their administration by the departmental heads.

The Working Committee decided that this matter should be forwarded for consideration to the Central Committee which was appointed to review the Bhore Committee's Report, when that was published.

2. Resolved to request the various branches to pay the expenses for their representatives who attend the meetings of the Central Council of the I.M.A.

The Working Committee requested the Hony. General Secretary to circulate the resolution amongst the branches for opinion.

8 (*w*) *Letter No. PC 59/44-45 dated 30-3-45 from Bengal Provincial Branch for sanction of Rs. 200/- for propaganda work to Calcutta Branch:*

The Working Committee resolved that the Bengal Provincial Branch be requested to submit a statement showing how the previous grant of Rs. 200/- had been utilised and that the application for a further grant be considered on receipt of this statement.

I.M.A., CENTRAL COUNCIL—Summary of proceedings of the LXIII meeting of the Central Council of the Indian Medical Association held at 67, Dharamtala Street, Calcutta (Office of the Bengal Provincial Branch, I.M.A.) on the 2nd April, 1945:

1. *Confirmation of the Proceedings of the last meeting:*

Resolved that the proceedings of the last meeting of the Central Council held at Cawnpore on the 27th December, 1944, be confirmed.

2. *Consideration of the disposal of the Bihar Relief Fund:*

Resolved that the balance of all funds collected so far by the Indian Medical Association either directly or through its branches for rendering medical relief in different parts of the country affected by epidemics, famine, earthquake, etc., be formed into a "Distress Relief Fund, Indian Medical Association" and that a separate account be opened for the same and

that the interests on securities, etc., purchased out of this fund be credited to the said fund and that the amounts of such specific funds lying unspent with the different branches (Local and Provincial) be recalled and credited to this fund.

Resolved further that this "Distress Relief Fund" be utilised for meeting distress in different part of the country caused by epidemics, famine, or other natural calamities and that the expenditures to be incurred for this purpose should be proportionate to the needs of the situation and that the relief works should be organised through the Provincial or Local branches of the areas, as far as practicable.

Resolved further that, in an emergency, the President may authorise expenditure of certain amount out of this fund, in anticipation of sanction of the Working Committee and the Central Council.

3. *Formation of Branches:*

The Hony. General Secretary reported that the following new branches had been formed since the last meeting of the Central Council:—

(1) Hukri Road, (2) Dharwar, (3) Satara, (4) Kolhapur under Maharastra and Karnatak Provincial Branch, (5) Patiala, (6) Chinot, (7) Okara, (8) Tarn Taran, (9) Karnal under Punjab Provincial Branch, (10) Dalmianagar, (11) Sherghati under Bihar Provincial Branch, (12) Alwar State (Rajputana) under U.P. Provincial Branch, and (13) Balasore in Orissa.

Resolved that the formation of the above branches be approved, subject to the formalities prescribed under Rule 6-C(a) of the rules of the Indian Medical Association being complied with in full.

4. *Agenda and Proceedings of the Working Committee Meeting held at Calcutta on 1st April, 1945:*

The Proceedings were approved of with the following modifications and additions.

Item No. 8(g)—Dr. A. K. Sen proposed the addition of the works "or otherwise" after the word "amalgamation" in the Working Committee's resolution on the subject. Dr. Kalipada Poi seconded the proposal which was accepted unanimously.

The Central Council resolved that the President be authorised to constitute a committee by nominating not more than 4 members on it to help him in carrying on negotiations on the subject with any similar committee that might be appointed by the All-India Medical Licentiates' Association.

The President left the meeting at this stage and Capt. S. K. Chaudhuri took the chair.

Item No. 3—While agreeing in principle with the decision of the Working Committee, the Central Council resolved that all the Provincial Branches of the Association be asked in the first instance to submit a Note on Prof. Adarkar's Report within six weeks of their receipt of the Headquarters' letter on the subject. The Notes from the Provincial Branches should then be placed before the Sub-Committee appointed by the Working Committee for the preparation of a Memorandum based on the observations made by the Provincial Branches. This Memorandum would then be placed before the next meetings of the Working Committee and the Central Council for discussion and the drawing up of a final Report for submission to the Government of India and publication in the press as embodying the views of the Association on Prof. Adarkar's recommendations.

Item No. 4—Dr. A. K. Sen suggested the addition of name of Dr. P. K. Guha to the Central Committee, which was accepted by the Council.

Item No. 5—The Central Council resolved that a copy of the resolution of the Working Committee should be sent to Dr. P. Gurumurty and his colleagues for their information. The Central Council noted that the Andhra Provincial Branch did not require any financial help from the Headquarters at present for meeting the expenses of the Camp Hospital opened at Naupada.

Item No. 6—Resolved that a separate account named "I. M. A. Research Fund" be opened with the Central Bank of India, New Market Branch, Calcutta, to be operated upon by the Hony. General Secretary and the Hony. Treasurer jointly and that all contributions received towards this fund shall be deposited into this account.

Resolved further that the Hony. General Secretary and the Hony. Treasurer be authorised to invest, with the approval of the President, the collections in the fund in suitable securities from time to time.

Resolved further that the last part of the Working Committee's recommendation, *viz.*, "It was further resolved that the question of utilising the fund for endowing fellowships or scholarships for starting original work in some branch of medical science should be taken up at the meeting of the Working Committee to be held at the time of next Annual Conference" be forwarded to the members of the Research Fund Committee for their consideration.

Item No. 8(I)—Dr. P. K. Guha wanted to move his resolution again before the Council. The Chairman disallowed the moving of the resolution, as it was, in his opinion, out of order. Drs. P. K. Guha and A. K. Sen protested against this ruling of the Chair.

GORAKHPUR BRANCH—Annual report:

There were 44 members on the roll and out of them 14 members left this association. 12 members were newly enlisted, *i.e.* 42 members are on the roll.

Last year seven monthly meetings were held.

List of Office bearers: *President*—Dr. K. N. Lahiri, M.B.B.S. *Vice-Presidents*—Drs. I. B. Chaudhry, M.B.D.T.M., J. W. Phillips, L.S.M.S. *Secretary*—Dr. A. S. Bhalla, L.M.P. *Jt. Secretary*—Dr. G. S. Dey, B.SC., M.B.B.S. *Treasurer*—Dr. Shyam Sunder Lal Srivastava, M.B.B.S., L.O. *Members of the Executive Committee*—Drs. K. B. Lahiri, I. B. Chaudhry, J. W. Phillips, A. S. Bhalla, S. L. Srivastava, S. P. Srivastava, D.P.H., A.D.P.H., and Capt. R. S. Gupta, M.B.B.S., M.R.C.P., D.T.M. Civil Surgeon. *Representative to Central Council*—Dr. I. B. Chaudhury, M.B.B.S., D.T.M. *Representative to U. P. Council*—Drs. G. P. Mathur, L.M.P. and K. N. Srivastava, M.B.B.S.

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First monthly meeting held on 22-11-44 at 8 p.m. at the school dispensary with Dr. Lahiri in the chair:

Resolved that this Association deeply regrets the sad and untimely death of Dr. S. K. Arora and sends its heartfelt condolence to Mrs. Arora and members of the bereaved family.

R.B. Dr. J. N. Srivastava (Ex-President) has been co-opted as a member of the Executive Committee of this Association.

A nice dinner was given by Dr. A. Khan, Dr. Bhatnagar and Dr. Nawab Ali.

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Meeting held on 28-1-45 with Dr. Lahiri in the chair:

1. Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.
2. Dr. S. P. Srivastava and Capt. Mitra read papers on Eosinophilic Lung and Infective Hepatitis respectively and lively discussions took place on these subjects.
3. Certain papers from Head Office and Branch were considered. A sum of Rs. 104 was raised from amongst the members for the Benevolent Fund of Dr. Wells (deceased).

BHABNAGAR BRANCH—The following clinical meetings were held during 1944:

Sulphonamides in general practice by Dr. K. R. Doshi on 6-2-44.

A short note on penicillin by Dr. K. V. Thakkar on 6-2-44.

Allergy of the eye by Dr. P. K. Bhatt on 5-3-44.

Continued pyrexia, a clinical study by Dr. M. B. Shah on 5-3-44.

Influenza by Dr. Pranlal Bhatt on 3-4-44.

Tropical Eosinophilia by Dr. K. V. Thakkar on 7-5-44.

Cases of hypernephroma of the kidney by Dr. A. V. Dave on 4-6-44.

Jaundice by Dr. Pranlal Bhatt on 2-7-44.

Forty years in practice: Reminiscences and a study of advances by Dr. K. V. Thakkar on 6-8-44.

Atrophic Cirrhosis of the liver by Dr. H. J. Trivedi on 3-9-44.

Bronchial asthma by Dr. K. R. Joshi on 5-11-44.

Demonstration of malarial parasites with notes on history and habits of malaria parasites by Dr. P. K. Bhatt on 6-12-44.

Twelve Business meetings of the General Body were held and the Managing Committee held ten meetings. The total number of members was 38.

Office bearers for the year 1944-45:—

President—Dr. H. A. Bhatt (Ghoghawala). *Vice President*—Dr. Miss M. E. De'Souza. *Hony. Secretaries*—Dr. A. M.

Oza and Dr. K. R. Doshi. *Treasurer*—Dr. M. B. Kothary. *Auditor*—Dr. Mrs. Kantaben Patel. *Managing Committee*—Drs. G. R. Vora, M. M. Mehta, Pranlal Bhatt, A. M. Dave and J. M. Shah.

RAMNAD BRANCH—Meeting held at Pallathur on 19-11-44 with Dr. T. S. Shetty in the chair:

Moved from the chair, the following resolution was unanimously passed. The Ramnad Branch of the Indian Medical Association, congratulates Dr. Rama Kamath for his having been elected as the first non-official president of the Madras Medical Council.

This was followed by an elaborate and lucid lecture on Transfusion of Blood by Dr. Iravadham of Trichinopoly with practical demonstration.

JAIPUR BRANCH—Annual general meeting held on 22-11-44 in the Maharaja's College with Dr. J. F. Robinson, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., Director Medical Services and Vice Patron of J M. A. in the chair:

The following condolence resolution moved by Dr. P. C. Roy was adopted.

"Resolved that the Jaipur Medical Association (Branch of I.M.A.) places on record its deep sense of sorrow on the sad demise of Rani Saheba of Isarda and wishes to convey its deep sympathies to H. H. the Maharaja Sahib Bahadur in his bereavement."

Meeting was adjourned for few minutes after which the members reassembled and adopted the following four resolutions.

1. Resolved that the Jaipur Medical Association (Branch of I.M.A.) expresses its respectful congratulation to its Patron His Highness the Maharajah Sahib Bahadur of Jaipur on the occasion of the Honorary Degree of L.L.D. being conferred upon him by the University of Agra.

2. Resolved that the Jaipur Medical Association (Branch of I.M.A.) expresses its grateful thanks to His Highness the Maharaja Sahib Bahadur of Jaipur for so graciously consenting to accept the patronage of the Jaipur Medical Association.

3. Resolved that the Jaipur Medical Association (Branch of I.M.A.) expresses its grateful thanks to Sir Mirza Mohd. Ismail the Prime Minister Jaipur State for so kindly acceding to the request of the association and becoming its Vice-Patron.

4. Resolved that the Jaipur Medical Association (Branch of I.M.A.) expresses its grateful thanks for Dr. J. F. Robinson, M.D., F.R.C.S.E. the Director of Medical Services, Jaipur State, Jaipur for so kindly accepting to become the Vice Patron of this Association.

The Secretary then submitted the report of the I.M.A. giving an account of its working from the date of its inauguration to the end of the session.

The following office-bearers for 1944-45 were elected:

President—Dr. R. E. Heilig, M.D.

Vice-President—Dr. T. P. Taunk, M.B.B.S., D.O.M.S.

Secretary—Dr. Tarashankar Mathur, M.B.B.S.

Asstt. Secretary & Treasurer—Dr. Ram Chandra Saxena, L.S.M.F.

Registrar of Scientific Transactions—Dr. T. C. Gangwal, M.B.B.S.

Members of the Executive Council—Drs. P. D. Mathur, M.B., M.S. (LUCK.), Raj Narain Sachdeo, M.B.B.S. (LUCK.) and Nihal Singh, L.S.M.F.

HYDERABAD-DN. BRANCH—Emergent meeting held on 20-1-1945:

The following resolution was passed:

"The Hyderabad Branch of I.M.A. mourns the death of Mr. A. C. Gabriel and authorizes the Hony. Secretary to convey the condolences to the members of the bereaved family."

Lt.-Col. Shastry, I.M.S. addressed the gathering about the recent All India Conference at Cawnpore and Surgeon's Conference at Lahore which he attended.

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At a General Body meeting held on 27-1-45 the following resolution was passed.

The Hyderabad Branch of I.M.A. accepts with gratitude the donation of Rs. 500/- from Mr. L. V. Ramiah of Alampur for the starting of a library.

KISTNA DT. BRANCH—Proceedings of the meeting held on 18-11-44 with Dr. K. V. Subba Rao in the chair.

23 doctors including 3 lady doctors attended the meeting.

Papers on Hip-Joint disease, Infantile Beri-Beri and Pellagra by Dr. P. Seshagiri Rao, L.M.P., L.T.M., D.P.H., A case of missed abortion by Dr. C. Ranga Rao, M.B., B.S., Principles of homœopathy by Dr. M. Gurrayya, L.M.P., Treatment of typhoid fever by vaccine by Dr. A. Narayana, Rao, M.B., B.S. were read at the different clinical meetings.

DOOARS BRANCH—Annual general meeting:

The President and other office-bearers reelected.

Provincial representative—as last year and Dr. R. G. Roy.

Central representative—Dr. T. M. Ghose, M.B.

The present position of the Resident Medical Officer of the Doars Tea Estates was discussed. The concensus of opinion of the members present was that in view of the extraordinarily increased cost of living the irregular and low scale of salaries of the R.M.O's should be amended in the light of the scale as lately sanctioned in the European managed gardens. Besides the revised scale all the officers of the European managed gardens have been enjoying the privileges of Provident fund. Under such circumstances this Association would very earnestly approach the proper authorities for a uniform revised scale and provident fund to be applicable to all gardens as is in vogue in the European managed gardens.

In regard to the Group M.O.'s position this Association is of opinion that their present scale of salaries is quite inadequate and should be revised on more generous terms such as Rs. 300-25-600. In comparison with the scale of salaries of Group M.O.'s of the European managed gardens the scale as suggested above is quite a moderate one, particularly in view of the fact that they never get a bonus or other privilege.

U.P. PROVINCIAL BRANCH—Meeting of the Working Committee held on 20-10-45 with the President Dr. B. N. Vyas in the chair:

The following resolution was moved from the Chair and carried all standing:—"The Working Committee of the U.P. Provincial Branch Council of the Indian Medical Association places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the sad deaths of the following members and conveys its heartfelt sympathies to the members of the bereaved families:—

1. Dr. Prayag Chandra, Meerut. 2. Dr. S. K. Arora, D.M.O.H., Gorakhpur. 3. Dr. Bhola Nath, Muttra.

The Secretaries of the respective branches are requested to convey the copies of the above resolution to the members of the bereaved families.

Proceedings of the last meeting of the Working Committee were unanimously confirmed and Budget for 1944-45 was passed.

The Secretary pointed out the need for the Reserve and the Depreciation Funds for the Association. The committee agreed and the Secretary was asked to place definite proposals before the Working Committee at a later date.

The Secretary presented the report of the Sub-Committee appointed by the Working Committee to consider the U.P. Government Post War Development Schemes in Medical and Health Departments and to put in their own proposals where they did not agree with the Government plan. The Secretary further informed the Committee that the report had already been forwarded to the U.P. Government under the President's instructions.

The Secretary placed before the Committee the draft Bill by U.P. Government for provincialization of hospitals as published in the U.P. Government Gazette of December 23, 1944.

The Working Committee decided:—

(*a*) to protest to the Government for not sending the Bill to this Association for opinion.

(*b*) while appreciating the keenness of the Government to improve the hospital facilities existing in these provinces, the Committee does not agree with the method of this arbitrarily taking over the hospitals. On the other hand the Working Committee recommends to the Government to follow the scheme as laid down in the unanimous report of the Medical Reorganisation Committee appointed by the U.P. Government and to reorganise the Hospitals on the lines laid in that report.

The Secretary explained the main provisions of Amended Drug Control Order, 1943. The Secretary further pointed out the anomaly that Chlorodyne has been included in schedule 'C' whereas it should not be so done, as it is covered by the Dangerous Drugs Act and the Excise Commissioner, U.P. has issued a special circular about this drug in 1936.

The Working Committee directed the Secretary to represent the matter to the Government and also forward a copy of the letter of the Excise Commissioner, U.P. to them in this connection for final orders.

The Secretary read out the latest notification on the Civil Side of the I.M.S. by Mr. L. S. Amery as published in the Gazette of India dated December 30, 1944, Part I, p. 1665. The Secretary pointed out that slowly and under disguise even during the Wartime, the Government of India were gradually fixing up matters regarding the Civil Side of the I.M.S. It was decided to protest on this matter and to refer it to our Headquarters at Calcutta for taking up the matter further.

The Secretary drew the attention of the members to Professor B. P. Adarkar's Report on Health Insurance for Industrial Workers in India and asked the members to study it as very soon the views of the Branch on the subject would have to be formulated.

The members present were entertained to a nice tea by the President Dr. B. N. Vyas.

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Tenth Annual Meeting held at Jhansi on 28-10-44 with Dr. B. N. Vyas in the chair:

Proceedings of the last Annual Meeting held at Gorakhpur on October 31, 1943 was passed and carried unanimously.

Honorary Provincial Secretary's Annual Report for 1943-44 was adopted and carried unanimously.

Audited Accounts were unanimously adopted.

Election of Office-bearers for 1944-45—The President and three Vice-Presidents having been already elected and announced, the following remaining office-bearers were elected:

Honorary Provincial Secretary—Captain H. N. Shivapuri, Lucknow.

Treasurer—Dr. S. C. Sen, Lucknow.

Honorary Provincial Joint Secretaries—Drs. J. W. Phillips Gorakhpur, P. C. Tripathi, Lucknow and S. C. Banarji, Saharanpur.

Headquarter members for the Provincial Branch Council—Drs. M. Abdul Hameed, Lucknow, Panna Lal Sood, Lucknow, Hans Raj, Lucknow, H. Hukku, Lucknow and A. J. Faridi, Lucknow.

Members of the Provincial Working Committee—Drs. M. Abdul Hameed, Lucknow, Panna Lal Sood, Lucknow, H. Hukku, Lucknow, Hans Raj, Lucknow.

Delegation of Powers of the Provincial Council to the Provincial Working Committee—"Resolved that this Provincial Council delegates all its powers to the Provincial Working Committee for carrying on its work during the year 1944-45."

Invitation for next year's (1945) 11th U. P. Provincial Conference—The Saharanpur invitation was unanimously accepted with thanks and the Secretary was asked to inform the Saharanpur Branch accordingly.

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Meeting of the Working Committee held on 28-10-44 with Dr. B. N. Vyas in the chair:

Proceedings of the last meeting of the Working Committee held at Lucknow on October 8, 1944 were unanimously confirmed.

Post War Developments in Medical and Public Health Departments—The Council decided to appoint a sub-committee consisting of the following members to write Memoranda on both schemes from the point of view of I.M.A. and to forward the same to the U.P. Government at as early a date as possible:

Drs. B. N. Vyas, (Convener), H. N. Shivapuri, B. K. Vardya, Jawahar Lal, Bhupal Singh, Miss. B. Thungamma, and Dr. S. K. Chowdhuri.

The Sub-Committee will (*a*) consider the Government Schemes for Medical and Public Health Departments and (*b*) prepare or suggest schemes for post war re-organisation of the Medical Relief and Public Health in the United Provinces.

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Resolutions passed at Xth U.P. Provincial Medical Conference, Jhansi:

Condolence—The conference places on record its deep sense of sorrow at the sad demise of the following members of the profession and conveys its heartfelt sympathy to the members of the families of the deceased. Drs. Benarsi Das, Agra, S. K. Roy Chowdhuri, Shahjahanpur, Mrs. T. Jones, Meerut, B. R. Saxena, L.M.P., Rai Saheb, Cawnpore, and Gouri Nath, Benares. Copies to be sent to the families of the deceased.

Milk Supply—The conference suggests that supply of good quality milk at cheaper rates be taken up by the Co-operative Department by licensing and pooling milk produced by 'Gowalas' and subsequent controlled distribution. Resolved further that the slaughter of milch cattle be stopped forthwith and measures be taken to increase the dairies and breeding of cattle.

Health Insurance—This conference regrets that the scheme of Health Insurance by Professor Adarkar has not yet been made public nor has any action been taken so far on this question. In the meantime the Association has reasons to believe that the health of the working class is worsening from day to day, thereby causing serious economic loss to the individual and the country.

Prevention of Manufacture and Marketing of Spurious Drugs—This conference notes with deep concern the number of spurious drugs that are being put into the market by unscrupulous persons and firms and suggests that the following measures be adopted at an early date: (*a*) No firm or individuals be allowed to manufacture any pharmaceutical or patent medicines without obtaining a license for the same. (*b*) That the licensing authorities should make such rules as will preclude the possibility of manufacture and marketing of either spurious or understandardised drugs. (*c*) There should be one or more testing laboratories, where adequate testing facilities exist for the purpose of helping licensing authorities.

Epidemics. This conference recommends to the authorities concerned the adoption of the following measures:

(*a*) Prevention of adulteration of main articles of diet. (*b*) Prohibition of sale of foodstuffs kept in uncovered containers. (*c*) Prevention of drying of sawdust for covering ice on the road. (*d*) Prevention of committing nuisance on the public roads and drains. (*e*) Immediate notification by medical practitioners of all systems of all notifiable diseases. (*f*) Provision of more dustbins for house refuse etc. and educating and enforcing public in their use. (*g*) Enforcement of compulsory death certificates in urban areas where facilities exist before a body is buried or cremated. (*h*) Building of well equipped Infectious Diseases Hospitals in all Municipal areas. (*i*) Fixing certain percentage of income of local bodies for the expenses of Health Department. (*j*) In every Municipal town, a special magistrate be appointed to deal with cases contravening the municipal and health bye-laws.

Representation. Notes with regret the attitude of the Local Government in depriving the Lucknow Medical Association of its representation on the board of Management of King George's and Associated Hospitals, Lucknow.

Doctors' Minimum Pay. This conference is of opinion that in these provinces the minimum living wage of a medical practitioner is Rupees Two hundred and fifty per month, therefore the conference recommends to the Government and the employers that no medical man or woman be employed on a lesser salary.

Co-operation between Public Health Authorities & I.M.A.—This conference is of opinion that during epidemics or other emergencies a full co-operation between the local public health authorities and the Local Branch of the Indian Medical Association is essential in the interest of the public and should be encouraged in every way, and it requests the Public Health Department in U. P. to issue instructions to Local Health authorities to avail themselves of it.

Request of the Profession—This conference requests the members of the profession (*a*) to use pharmacopœial drugs in preference to proprietary medicines. (*b*) to use drugs of Indian manufacture of proved efficacy. (*c*) to observe at least one afternoon every week as a holiday.

Limitation of Practice—This conference is of opinion:—

(*a*) That in the interest of medical education and research the fully paid teaching staff of the educational institutions be not allowed to do any private or consulting practice and may be given a compensation in lieu thereof.

(b) That all Government medical officers be allowed only consulting practice and their pay brought upto the scale of other corresponding services.

Drug Control Order, 1943—This conference appreciates the action of the Government for removing most of the disabilities under the Drugs Control Order of 1943, but it lodges a strong protest against Govt. insisting on continuation of the system or requiring the registered Medical Practitioners to take out a Purchasers' License in as much as supplying of medicine for relief of pain and suffering is Doctor's inherent right and the profession looks on the measure as an interference with this right and requests the Government to remove this disability at an early date.

Thanksgiving Resolutions—This conference thanks the chairman and the members of the Reception Committee particularly the indefatigable Organising Secretary Dr. C. Bhargava and other workers in organising the conference. The conference further thanks the authorities of the Mc'Donnel High School, Jhansi, for placing the Hall and the Boarding House at the disposal of the conference.

This conference thanks Dr. B. N. Vyas and Dr. Miss B. Thungamma for having presided and for having so ably guided the deliberations of the conference.

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CALCUTTA BRANCH—Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 5-9-44 with Lt. Col. J. C. De in the chair:

The proceedings of the last meeting held on 1-8-44 were read and confirmed.

Library's Sub-committee's recommendations to subscribe 17 journals for 1944-45 were accepted.

The Branch finally selected office-bearers for the Bengal Provincial Branch for 1944-45.

The meeting finally selected the President and 3 Vice-Presidents of the I.M.A. for the year 1944-45.

The Committee agreed to shoulder the responsibility of holding the All-India Medical Conference in December, 1945, and the Secretary was authorised to intimate to the Central Office about it.

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Executive Committee meeting held on 1-12-44 with Lt.-Col. J. C. De in the chair:

The proceedings of the last meeting held on 5th September, 1944, were read and confirmed.

The draft annual report for the period ending 30th September, 1944, was read by the Secretary, and was adopted with some modifications.

The audited accounts for the period ending 30th September, 1944, were placed before the meeting and were adopted.

The proposed budget for the year 1944-45 was adopted with some alterations.

Seventeen gentlemen were enlisted members of this branch with effect from October, 1944:—

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Annual General Meeting held on 14-12-44: Lt. Col. J. C. De took the chair.

The following office-bearers for the year 1944-45 were elected:—*President*—Dr. K. K. Sen Gupta. *Vice-Presidents*—Drs. K. C. Chakrabarti, Jajneswar Chakrabarti, M. U. Ahmed, Birendranath Ghosh and Capt. M. Kumar. *Secretary*—Dr. Tarak Nath Ghosh. *Assistant Secretaries*—Drs. Ranajit Sinha and Bidhu Bhusan Roy. *Treasurer*—Dr. Jogesh Chandra Banerjea.

Members of the Executive Committee—Drs. Samar Rai Chowdhury, Santi Ghosh, Probodh Chandra Roy, Kanak Sarbadhikari, J. C. Bose, Amiya Kumar Bose, Bolin Ghosh, Sunil Krishna Datta, Banbehari Banerjea, N. K. Munshi, P. C. Sanyal, P. K. Guha, J. K. Majumdar, Subodh Datta and B. Mitra.

Representatives to the Central Council—Lt. Col. J. C. De, Drs. P. K. Guha, Tarak Nath Ghosh, Banbehari Banerjea, J. C. Banerjea and A. D. Mukherji.

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Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 22-1-45.

1. The proceedings of the last meeting held on 1-12-44 were read and confirmed.

2. The statement of accounts for the quarter ending 31-12-44 was inspected.

3. The following sub-committees were formed:—

(*a*) *Scientific Sub-Committee*—Drs. Bidhu Bhusan Roy (Convener), J. C. Banerjea, R. Sinha, Sushil Chatterjee and Kanak Sarbadhikari.

(*b*) *Library Sub-Committee*—Drs. R. Sinha (Convener), B. Banerjea, Tarit Kumar Ghosh, J. C. Banerjea and N. G. Majumdar.

(*c*) *Social and Sports Sub-Committee*—Drs. Salil Kumar Datta (Convener), J. K. Majumdar, N. K. Munshi, J. C. Bose and Capt. M. Kumar.

(*d*) *Medico-Political Sub-Committee*—Lt. Col. J. C. De, Drs. B. Banerjea, A. K. Acharya, B. K. Basu, A. K. Bose, P. K. Guha, Samar Rai Chaudhury, J. C. Banerjea and Santi Kumar Ghosh.

Resolved that the President and the Secretary be ex-officio members of all the above four sub-committees.

4. The following members were elected representatives of this branch to the Provincial Council of the I.M.A. for the session 1944-45:—

Drs. Probodh Chandra Roy, M. Kumar, J. C. Banerjea, P. K. Guha, A. K. Bose, Kanak Sarbadhikari, M. U. Ahmed, Bidhu Bhusan Roy, T. N. Ghosh, N. K. Munshi, Mahendra Nath Sarkar, J. K. Majumdar, J. C. Bose, K. C. Chakrabarti, Sunil Krishna Datta, P. C. Sanyal, Sushil Chatterjee, Dr. N. G. Majumdar and A. K. Deb.

5. Twentynine gentlemen were enlisted members of this branch with effect from October, 1944:—

Dr. T. N Ghosh was elected a representative of this Association on the Mosquito Control Advisory Committee of the Calcutta Corporation.

ASANSOL BRANCH—Meeting held on 10-12-44 with Dr. B. Gupta in the chair.

1. The letter of Dr. Tarak Das Roy Choudhury, the assistant medical officer, Burnpur Hospital and a member of this branch was discussed and the following resolution was passed unanimously.

"This branch of the Indian Medical Association places on record its deep sense of protest and profound dissatisfaction against the most unwarranted treatment inflicted on Dr. T. D. Roy Choudhury, a member of this branch by Mr. F. C. Pugsley, an employee of the Steel Corporation of Bengal, Burnpur who assaulted Dr. Roy Choudhury while he was on duty within the Hospital premises on 1-12-44 at about 10-15 a.m.

This Asssociation deplores the gross misbehaviour of the employee and requests the authorities concerned to take an immediate step after making a thorough and impartial enquiry for the cause of justice and safeguarding the interests of the members of the profession.

This branch appeals to the Provincial branch of the Indian Medical Association to take this matter with all seriousness it deserves at the earliest opportunity and take necessary action as this Association is of opinion that blow dealt to Dr. Roy Chowdhury is not only a blow to the Indian Medical Association but to the entire Medical Profession.

It was also resolved to send a copy of the resolution to the Managing Director of the concern for immediate intervention in this matter."

This branch invited Dr. Ahmed and Dr. S. Mazumdar, the Special Tuberculosis Officers, Government of Bengal who happened to be present at this town to speak about the Scheme of the Government against Tuberculosis and the various problems related to it.

A resolution was passed at the meeting to request the Government for opening a Tuberculosis Clinic in the town which appears to be long overdue.

HOOGHLY-CHINSURA AND CHANDERNAGORE BRANCH—Special General Meeting held on 20-11-44:

The medical practitioners who applied to form a new branch at Chandernagore were invited and attended the meeting.

Dr. D. N. Dhar on behalf of the Association made an appeal to the brother members of the profession of Chandernagore to join the present one and make it strong. In response to the appeal the following doctors signed the form and became members of the Association. 1. Dr. A. Ghose, 2. Dr. M. N. Mukherjee, 3. Dr. G. S. Dash, 4. Dr. R. Konar, 5. Dr. S. Sett.

Proposed by the chair that the application made by some brethren to the Provincial Branch of the I.M.A. for the

formation of a separate branch in Chandernagore be withdrawn. Henceforward the meetings of the Association should be held alternately at Chinsurah and Chandernagore. It was carried unanimously.

BIHAR PROVINCIAL BRANCH—The Presidential Address of Dr. Badri Narayan Prasad, M.SC., M.B., D.T.M. (CAL.), PH.D. (EDIN.), F.R.S.E. at the 4th Bihar Medical Conference held at Bhagalpur on 9th December, 1944:

I must express my heartfelt thanks for the honour which you have done me by electing me president.

Epidemics of North Bihar—We are meeting this year under two very diverse circumstances; one is the condition of disgust and hopelessness, while the other, when realised, is a condition of bright hopes. Under the former we find our great helplessness in not rendering adequate help to many thousands of lives in North Bihar. Many factors have combined to bring about this hopeless catastrophe. Of great importance was Nature's wrath in the form of the severe earthquake of 1934 which changed North Bihar from a beautiful garden to a land of unrecognisable devastation. The second is the malnutrition of the people of that locality, and third is our inadequate medical organisation which is expected to take care of the health of the people, both curative and preventive.

The outbreak of epidemics among undernourished people generally proves dangerous and this has happened before our eyes. Curative and preventive measures provided by the Government and societies proved very inadequate.

Brighter hopes—What lessons are we to take from this catastrophe? We want the development of an organisation which will cope with the problems of health of our people. We also find that as the war is nearing termination, nations are building hopes for the future. Lessons learnt are being utilised for future planning.

We are meeting here under very opportune circumstances when our conference will be required to weigh fully the suggestions we have to make for the scheme of National Health Service which the Provincial Government is considering to undertake during the post-war period. In some respects it may be said that the Government has already started the work with the provincialisaton of the District Hospitals. Whether it is a measure of progress or a retrograde process, it is very difficult to say. Critics interpret it as an action of want of confidence in the Local Bodies by the Government. In order to control the medical affairs of a district, it is essential to possess a fully controlled organisation at each district town. So, along with the provincialisation a widespread organisation of preventive and curative measures should be created to serve the remotest corners of the rural areas. Such a scheme would certainly prove laudable.

Our Memorandum—As soon as your Working Committee learnt about the post-war development organisation, it sat down to consider the whole question in right earnest. In this connection, I shall like to refresh your memory about what has been done by your Council and the Working Committee. I hope all of you have received a copy of the memorandum submitted to the Government on the subject.

The White Paper—Before I proceed to point out the urgent necessities which our province requires in order to develop a National Health Service, it will not be out of place to tell you what His Majesty's Government is doing in this connection for the United Kingdom. The "White Paper" on National Health Service gives a detailed plan which is to be passed into an Act by the Parliament. The main object of this scheme is to provide a complete range of personal health care, general and specialised, at home, in the hospital and elsewhere. The more laudable feature of it is that the service will be free. Doubtless there will be nothing to prevent those who prefer to make private arrangements for medical attention from doing so. In this scheme His Majesty's Government recognises the comprehensive ideas involved in such social service. "The subject of health in the broadest sense" as has been detailed in the White Paper, "involves not only medical service but all those environmental factors—good housing, sanitation, condition in schools and at work, diet and nutrition, economic security and so on—which create the conditions of health and prepare the ground for it. All these are fundamental; all of them must receive their proper place in the wider pattern of Government policy and of post-war reconstruction". Apparently the scheme reveals an ideology of socialisation with advantages to the ailing persons and at the same time the employment of all the members of medicine who will be paid by salary.

A very efficient type of similar health service exists in U.S.S.R. which was referred to by the outgoing president in his address at the last annual conference.

The proposals of this National Health Service were published in the Government White Paper in the middle of February, 1944, and it became available at one shilling per copy. Since then comprehensive remarks, critical and commendatory, have appeared in the lay and medical press of that country. The profession has been examining the proposals and expressing its views. Thus, both the people and the profession have become conversant with what will be coming in that country in the form of a National Health Service Bill.

The blue book by Bihar Government—In this province the 'Blue Book' on the First Progress Report of Subject Committees of the Post-war Reconstruction Board was published on the 20th March, 1944. Whether it is available to the profession or the people at any cost or not is not known to them. The Government has drawn out proposals for the improvement of medical and public health problems. The profession and the people should have asked for its wide publicity. They should examine the proposals and should have a right to express their opinion. In United Kingdom most of the members of the profession will be paid by salary for the work taken by the State. I cannot say whether every member of the profession will prefer to be employed in some way or other by the State here; but there can be no doubt that all the available doctors can be employed and still the province will require ten to twenty times more doctors to cope with the work properly. How to get this number and what other improvements are needed?

Our Demand—Our memorandum, submitted to the Government, has suggested a very moderate scheme, which I like to consider here in brief. It has made suggestions for:—

I. A Public Health Scheme.

II. A scheme for Medical Service (*i.e.*, for curative purposes).

III. Improvements in the medical education which will be needed to produce adequate and suitable personnel to work out these schemes; and also about the Development of Drug Industry in the province.

A study of our memorandum along with four very valuable documents—1. Interdepartmental Committee Report on Medical Schools: Memorandum of Evidence by British Medical Association; 2. The White Paper on the National Health Service; 3. Royal College of Physicians' Report on Medical Education; and 4. The Good-enough Committee Report on Medical Education published within two years in the United Kingdom will provide nourishing food for our thought on the problems of our National Health Service.

In the first instance a large number of workers—medical graduates, nurses and public health workers—will be needed. I have mentioned an increase of 10 to 20 times more workers. If we accept the lower figure, our demand should be double the number of admission to the Medical College at Patna, to convert the Darbhanga Medical School into a College and to create at least three more medical colleges in the province with 80 admissions per year in each institution. In this way we can get ten times more doctors. This may take ten years to be realised, provided a beginning is made. Government increased the number of admissions in the Patna Medical College from 40 to 60 last time. It should be increased to 80 next time. The Darbhanga Medical School should be raised to college standard at the earliest possible date with 80 admissions per year there too. Other medical colleges should be established within next ten years.

The development of medical colleges will provide ample opportunities for training a large number of nurses to bring their number to one nurse to every four patients (which is considered to be a workable proportion though not an ideal one).

Public Health and Preventive Medicine should be stressed all along during the training of the medical students. A large percentage of the graduates settle as general practitioners. They may be required to take part in social and preventive medicine too for which they must be paid by salary by the State. In order to make those graduates Public Health and

Preventive Medicine-minded an adequate and modern Public Health Institute will be needed. This Institute should be competent to teach these medicos not only the theoretical aspects but also the practical application of social and preventive medicine. It is very unfortunate that the province has no such institute as yet. Such an institute may or may not undertake post-graduate teaching but different types of health workers are to be trained here.

Preventive Medicine and Public Health Institute—The preventive aspect of health problem is very essential and very urgent. The province has got to possess a Public Health Institute; and if we really mean that this year's colossal figure of death may not be repeated again, it is essential that this institute is started forthwith. A very sad experience of the workers in the epidemic zone in North Bihar has been that they could not get trained orderlies or technicians or similar other personnel to help them in their curative and preventive work. What should be the scope of this institute? Our memorandum was prepared many months before the horrible epidemics of North Bihar. Since then we have gained further experience and are realising the immediate necessities of our province. This institute should be so equipped as to produce personnel who will not only be responsible for medical service but 'all those environmental factors—good housing, sanitation, conditions in schools and at work, diet and nutrition, economic security and so on—which create the conditions of health and prepare a ground for it'. In his address last year, Dr. B. P. Varma reviewed the subject. I am tempted to quote it here. He says. "I do not admit that the war is a sufficient argument against the formulation of schemes to meet the exigencies of the prevailing situation. Judging by the first half-yearly report of the Chinese National Institute of Health at Chungking for the year 1943 China has been able to achieve wonderful results despite the devastating effect of the war for the last seven years. The various sections in which the Institute is divided include a Nutrition Centre, a department of Maternity and Child Health, a department of Nursing, department of Health Education, Training of Public Health Personnel, Urban Health Demonstration Centre with clinics, Preventive Inoculation School, health social service, Dental hygiene, Industrial Health Sections and a Rural Health Demonstration Centre. It is interesting to note that the Institute not only trains technical personnel at its laboratories and its field centres, but also gives demonstration of methods for "purchasing public health within the budgetary capacity of the people". Public Health education, it will be seen, has been given an altogether wholesome orientation. The Institute has been sending its workers for advanced study to America and other countries. China has refused to be crippled and paralysed by the devastating war so ruthlessly imposed on her. Surely India can do what China has done".

General and Specialised Medical Service—We can think of Medical service in two classes—general and specialised. We require both the classes in greater number than are available at present. Medical Colleges, as suggested already, will be able to meet the requirement for producing general practitioners. What about specialists? Addition of alphabets at the end of names does not make a specialist. It only signifies that the holder of a particular diploma has passed an examination in that particular subject. Research and experience are the channels through which one has to pass for specialisation. Research develops the faculty of penetrating into a subject and observing it intimately: when the observer has made investigations, he critically weighs his findings against those of other authors. It is a prolonged process and requires intimate penetration into the subject. A series of this process adding to the experience of the worker turns his mental attitude for the specialised work. The Patna University is considering the introduction of diplomas in different branches and subjects of medicine. It may solve the problem of getting different types of work done by, so to say, specially trained personnel but cannot create specialists unless an organised team to carry on research is provided for by the University. It is on this account that our memorandum laid down that each branch of medicine must have a teacher for this purpose.

Here, it will be of interest to quote Dr. Walshe, an experienced consultant—"The truth surely is that the special diploma tends to breed technicians and not physicians, individuals better able to apply techniques than to make those essential clinical assessments that alone render the employment of techniques, be they of psychology or of bacteriology, rational activity. It is in the field of therapy that their influence is most baneful. Treatment should be thought of as a whole, "as the total contribution of the physician to the complicated action that is taking place within the patient incessantly. It should not be thought of in isolated categories or in terms of specific instruments or aims. "Therapy is one of the routes by which medicine has been specialised and by which the specialities have become vicious". A final question arises. The special diploma makes no adequate provision for the post-graduate training in general medicine of any aspirant to consultant status. Hitherto the experience needed by the candidate for the London M. R. C. P. has usefully served to ensure this; but if the easy key of the special diploma opens the door to consultant work, who will take the trouble to acquire this essential foundation of clinical experience? This examination will fall into disuse, and our standard will fall with it."

Medical Education for Graduate Course—In this connection I shall draw your attention to the Goodenough Committee's report which was published in July last in London. The committee's recommendations are the outcome of a review, occupying two years of the organisation of medical education. I shall refer here to recommendations concerning the curriculum only and shall further commend that this valuable document should be studied by all concerned with the medical education of the province.

Here I shall mention a few of the recommendations of the Committee on the subject of medical curriculum.

Elementary physics, chemistry and biology should be taught at school as part of general education, and continued at the medical school as part of the course in anatomy and physiology. Pre-clinical subjects should be pruned of some detail and more closely co-ordinated with each other and with clinical studies. In the clinical period the main emphasis should be on basic principles and methods and on the future requirements of the general practitioners. The important recommendations are that much of the teaching of operative surgery and gynæcology should be reserved for the post-graduate training of specialists. In the undergraduate period the chief emphasis in surgery should be on principles, and on the recognition, early treatment, and ultimate effects of conditions commonly met with in general practice. The committee recognises the difficulties raised by the growth of specialism in the teaching of general medicine and surgery, and recommends that to facilitate coordination the teaching centre should be organised into divisions of (1) pre-clinical studies, (2) pathology, (3) medicine, (4) surgery and (5) obstetrics and gynæcology, each with academic heads. Senior teachers, whether whole-time or part-time would have as now the unfettered control of the management of their patients. The importance of social medicine, psychiatry, and child health is stressed and the desirability of students' residence during part of their training pointed out. The undergraduate course should last four and a half years, of which the first two should be pre-clinical. It should terminate in a final examination conducted by the university and be succeeded by a compulsory year of house appointments, on satisfactory completion of which the student would be admitted to the Medical Register. The qualifying examinations conducted by licensing bodies other than the universities should cease.

What should we recommend for our province? Lessons can be taken from the report and our recommendations should be; (1) Drastic overhaul of undergraduate training; more attention to be paid to social medicine, the promotion of health, and the prevention as well as cure, of disease, to children's health, and to mental health. (2) Co-education in all medical colleges and sex equality in hospital appointments, (3) Greatly increased Exchequer grants for medical education and research, and more financial help for students. (4) Reform of the examination system. (5) Compulsory hospital appointments after qualification and before entry into independent practice. (6) Changes in the policies and organisation of medical schools and teaching hospitals: more whole-time teachers and salaries for part-time teachers. (7) A comprehensive system for the training of specialists.

Drug Industry and Pharmaceutics—This aspect of development may be considered under (1) provision for teaching Pharmaceutics and (1) Industrial resources. I would not like

to bore you with facts conerning resources. Some information in this connection you will get from our memorandum. So far as teaching of Pharmaceutics is concerned, I can say that it has been grossly neglected in this country. Dr. B. P. Varma raised the question in his addresses on the last two occasions and I can say that it had its effect. The Patna University is examining the question and the Provincial Government has included a scheme for the development of teaching this subject in its post-war development scheme. It will not be out of place to quote here Sir Henry Dale on the subject. The old-fashioned dispensing of mixtures to individual prescriptions will doubtless linger for a time; but I think that we must regard it as inevitable that the preparation of the remedies required by a progressive therapeutics will eventually fall into the hands of a scientific, large-scale manufacture, and that the role of the individual pharmacist in relation to them will become little more than an intelligent retail distribution of ready-made centrally standardized products. The old relation of the pharmacist to the physician as his regular scientific adviser and laboratory expert on the materia medica has almost disappeared, and there can hardly be hope of revival.' Thus we find that high grade pharmaceutics will be required for the manufacture of medicines of modern days and more so in future.

I have come to the end of my tale and before I finish, we must express our appreciation of the keen interest which His Excellency Sir Thomas Rutherford has been taking in Medical and Public Health problems. We should acquaint him with our hopes and expectations for the fulfilment of our demands which we have laid down in our memorandum and are also suggesting here. We can assure him that our demands are very moderate compared with what His Majesty's Government is designing to do for its British subjects; but Humanity is alike and Government should be Humanitarian.

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Resolutions passed at the Fourth Bihar Provincial Medical Conference:

This conference is thankful to the Provincial Government for planning introduction of many sided improvements in medical aid and public health scheme for the benefit of the people of the province.

This conference congratulates the Government of Bihar for introducing this year the scheme of compulsory Anti-Cholera Inoculations in Sonepore Mela, and recommends its extension to other mela areas in the province without any further delay.

This conference resolves that in view of the recurrent outbreaks of cholera epidemic in Bihar and of specially high mortality from the diseases in North Bihar, Government be requested to appoint a competent enquiry committee with field laboratory unit, to investigate into the local causative factors of the disease.

This conference further resolves that Government be approached to pass a consolidated Public Health Act on the lines of the Madras Act.

This conference recommends the following epidemic relief measures in North Bihar:—

Long Term measures:—

(*a*) Drainage of water-logged areas.

(*b*) Diet nutrition survey of the area.

(*c*) Improvement of the nutrition by

(*i*) Coordination of the Nutrition, Agriculture and Veterinary Departments for improving the Agriculture and animal husbandry.

(*ii*) Enforcement of bye-laws for prevention of adulteration of food stuffs and of their sale in the market under the most insanitary conditions.

(*d*) Ankylostomiasis infection survey of the area and steps towards its prevention and cure.

B. *Short term measures*—In addition to what is being done, the following:—

(*a*) Establishment of free diagnosis service laboratory methods in the midst of Relief Centres in order to enable scientific investigations and surveys to be carried on.

(*b*) Introduction of institutional or wherever possible preferably domiciliary service for the rehabilitation of those incapacitated by disease.

While antenatal and postnatal supervision by maternity and Child Welfare Societies in the province is developing adequate supervision during labour is lacking and therefore recommends that the same be provided by introducing a system of domiciliary antenatal service.

Resolved that a "Medical Education Service" separate from the Provincial Medical Service be created and members on the teaching staff of the medical colleges in the province placed there in.

Resolved that the Government may be requested to compel the employees of labour to give effect to the Health Insurance Scheme arranged for the proper treatment of employees.

While congratulating the Government of Bihar for introducing post graduate training of private practitioners this conference is of the opinion that the course should be free.

This conference do urge the district branches of I.M.A. to exert their efforts to organise Sub-divisional branches.

This conference request the Central Government through the Provincial Government to do away with fee for Drug Control Purchase licence to Registered Medical Practitioners.

This conference request the Government to accept a nominee of the local branch of I.M.A. in the Managing Committee of Sardar and Sub-divisional hospitals wherever the Committee is in existence in consonance with a branch.

Resolved that the District Board of the province be requested to contribute to a moving library system containing recent medical books and medical journals for the utility of their doctors incharge of different dispensaries.

This conference while thanking the Government for the grant of War allowance to its employed requests the Government to extend the same privileges and allowance to employees of semi government and private institutions either directly or through the proper authorities.

Resolved that this conference requests the Government to cause all the local bodies and industrial concerns like factories and mills to employ doctors on the same scale of pay for equivalent posts as the civil Government doctors.

TRICHINOPOLY BRANCH—Fifteenth annual gathering held on 26-11-1944 with Dr. T. S. S. Rajan, the President, in the chair:

In the course of his presidential address, Dr. Rajan critisised the action of the Madras Government in placing a ban on government servants being members of the association.

Referring to the need for opening more medical colleges in the Province, Dr. Rajan observed that he had suggested in his evidence before the Health Survey Committee, the immediate opening of five more colleges in the Province. He suggested, Guntur, Tanjore, Madura and Coimbatore as venues for establishing these institutions.

Referring to the Foreign Medical Experts Mission now in this country, Dr. Rajan observed that a knowledge of facts alone was not enough to make them competent to give advice.

With regards to Post-war and immediate measures announced by the Madras Government and their suggestion for an increase in the number of admission with existing college, he said it was a welcome step but that it should be put into effect in the coming academic year itself.

The Secretary, presented the annual report for 1943-44 and the audited statement of accounts. He announced in the report the purchase of a plot for a building for the association. The report was adopted after being duly proposed and seconded unanimously.

The following office-bearers of the association for the year 1944-45 were elected:

President—Dr. T. V. Swaminatha Sastry. *Vice-President*—Dr. T. S. Balasubramania Iyer. *Secretary*—Dr. T. V. Srinivasan. *Jt. Secy. & Treasurer*—Dr. M. Balammal. *Committee Members*—Drs. O. R. Balu, M. R. Bhat, Pulivalam, K. A. Chidambaram, N. S. Krishnamurthi, and D. Srinivasan.

Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan and Dr. Joseph Gnanadhickam were elected to represent the branch on the Central Committee.

The President, Secretary and Dr. Raghvan were elected to represent the branch on the Provincial Committee.

The following resolutions were passed.

It was unanimously resolved to elect Dr. T. S. S. Rajan as the patron of the association.

This general body of the Indian Medical Association Trichinopoly branch requests the Government of Madras to lift the ban against government medical officers from continuing

to be members of the association, as the association, as a body, does, not concern itself with politics of a general character.

Rao Bahadur Y. P. Vasudevan, Municipal Health Officer, Trichy then delivered his lecture on "Tuberculosis Problem in Trichy".

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Managing Committee meeting held on 26-1-45 at Dr. N. S. Krishnamurthy's residence, with Dr. T. V. S. Shastri, the President, in the chair:

1. This Committee accepts with regret the resignation of Dr. D. R. T. V. Srinivasan of the secretaryship of the Association on grounds of health and thanks him for his service till now.

2. Dr. N. S. Krishnamurthy be elected as Secretary of the Association for the current year.

ANDHRA PROVINCIAL BRANCH—Meeting held on 19-12-44 with Dr. P. Gurumurthy in the chair:

(1) Minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

(2) Resolved to have a meeting of the Council once a month in different districts, as far as possible.

(3) Resolved to enlist through local and District Branches every Registered Practitioner as member of the I.M.A.

(4) To arrange for propaganda work relative to National health and food problems through various branches and the Council whenever they meet, through public meetings, bulletins in Telugu or pamphlets, lantern lectures and other means.

(5) Resolved to authorise the President and Secretaries to prepare a supplementary memorandum to the P.H.S. Committee if there is still time.

(6) Resolved to authorise the President and General Secretary (*i*) to organise a preliminary survey of and enquiry into the health conditions obtaining in N. Vizag and to submit a plan for starting relief centres, to Andhra Mahasabha and the other relief organizations set up in this connection. (*ii*) to take steps to collect contributions cash and medicines for what is to be called the N. Vizag medical relief fund" for running the relief centres. (*iii*) The President and Secretary are authorised to engage doctors on such terms as may be found necessary and feasible. (*iv*) a sum of Rs. 25|- is sanctioned to meet necessary preliminary expenditure.

(7) Read the letter from Lt. Col. Sastri.

Resolved to recommend to the Central Council to adopt a resolution on the following lines regarding Madras Governments' action.

'While recording the letter of the Madras Government, this council authorises the President to reply to the letter suitably.

(8) This council notes with regret with reference to accounts for 43-44 that the monthly statement of accounts was not presented to the Provincial Council as required under Rule 15B(b).

(*ii*) that monies ear-marked for "Typewriter" and Propaganda were spent for other purposes.

(9) The local branches of the I.M.A., Andhra Provincial Branch, are requested to submit returns to the Provincial Office as required by Rule 17 (*iii*) page 17 of the rules of the Provincial Branch.

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Meeting held on 28-1-45 with Dr. P. Gurumurthy in the chair:

The following resolutions were passed:—

1. Resolved to place on record our sense of sorrow at the premature death of Dr. C. V. Sarma, M.B., B.S., (of Draksharamam) and of Dr. Wells, M.B.B.S., (while on relief work in Bengal) and to convey our sorrow to the members of the bereaved families.

2. Considered report on health conditions in N. Vizag submitted by the President and Hony. Provincial Secretary and resolved (*a*) to appeal, to the Medical Association and public for donations to the "North Vizag Medical Relief Fund" (Started by our branch). (*b*) to constitute a Sub-committee consisting of

1. Drs. P. Gurumurti, President, Ex-officio. 2. M. V. Kristanarao, Secretary Ex-officio, 3. N. Alahasingari, B.A., M.B., C.M., Retired Professor, Andhra Medical College, Maharanipet, Vizagapatam, 4. Mrs. J. Lakshmi, M.B., B.S., Vizianagaram and 5. Dr. M. Ramarao, M.B., B.S., Tekkali with power to coopt, to administer the funds and to do all that is necessary to start a camp hospital in N. Vizag, to appoint medical men on suitable terms, to train volunteers to serve in the villages and to do all other acts necessary for the successful running of the Scheme.

(*c*) to address the Government and other organisations in this province and outside to take steps to ameliorate the starvation and disease in the coastal area in N. Vizag by (1) free kitchens on adequate scale, (2) subsidised grainstores, (3) Providing suitable work (i.e.) cottage industries etc. (4) free feeding and care of children with adequate supply of milk (5) increased quota of rice—40 tolas per day, (6) increased and adequate medical relief.

3. *Membership Drive*—Report of the President and Secretaries' visits to several places in the province and enlistment of new members submitted. The following places were visited by the President and Hony. Provincial Secretary, Vizag, Vizianagaram, Tekkali, Chicacole, Pittapur, Palakol, Tanuku, Narsapur, Gudivada, Bezwada, Tenali, Bapatla, Nellore, Kavali, Sompet and Berhampore.

SAHARANPUR BRANCH—Annual Report:

Six clinical meetings were held during this session. The following papers were read at the various meetings:

Arterial spasm and allied disorders—by Dr. S. C. Banerji, M.D.

Endocrine therapy in general practice—by Dr. S. C. Banerji, M.D.

Diagnostic importance of clubbing of fingers—by Dr. R. Bagchi, L.S.M.F.

Penicillin, its discovery, properties, clinical indications and the methods of treatment—by Dr. S. C. Banerji, M.D.

Clinical cases demonstrated at the various meetings comprised the following cases: Intermittent claudication; amyotonia congenita (Oppenheim's disease); erythema nodosum; acute benign aseptic meningitis; lymhogranuloma-inguinale; pulmonary tuberculosis cases undergoing Pneumo-peritoneum treatment. The above cases were demonstrated by Dr. S. C. Banerji from time to time. A case of post-encephalitic parkinsonism was shown by Dr. R. Bagchi. Dr. R. N. Bagley showed cases of sprue, epilepsy, mitral disease and of ascites in a boy 10 years old due to cirrhosis of liver. Cases of sacculated aneurysm and of angioma of the hard palate were shown by Dr. T. N. Gupta.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MRS. T. WELLS FUND, I.M.A.

1. Through Hony. Secretary, Mirpurkhas Branch, Rs. 60|-. Drs. Mrs. S. M. Latif, Rs. 10|-; Miss S. N. Mirchandani, Rs. 10|-; T. V. Gidvani, Rs. 10|-; R. H. Hiranandani, Rs. 5|-; A. D. Dale, Rs. 5|-; S. D. Dhir, Rs. 5|-; Miss H. J. Mirchandani, Rs. 5|-; H. M. A. Drago, Rs. 10|-. *2. Through Hony. Secretary, Lucknow Branch*, Rs. 320|-. Drs. Man Singh, Rs. 50|-; S. C. Sen, Rs. 5|-; D. N. Seth, Rs. 5|-; R. N. Kacker, Rs. 5|-; M. T. Ram, Rs. 10|-; Tarachand Thakurdas, Rs. 20|-; J. N. Kacker, Rs. 5|-; P. Feldmann, Rs. 5|-; V. Nath, Rs. 5|-; A. J. Faridi, Rs. 5|-; H. G. D. Mathur, Rs. 5|-; Mrs. T. S. Iyer, Rs. 5|-; E. T. Buck, Rs. 5|-; K. N. Saigal, Rs. 10|-; B. B. Bhatia, Rs. 25|-; K. L. Natu, Rs. 2|-; Baijnath Verma, Rs. 25|-; R. N. Khanna, Rs. 10|-; B. N. Kapoor, Rs. 5|-; N. Subhie, Rs. 20|-; J. N. Rohtagi, Rs. 5|-; L. C. Bali, Rs. 5|-; J. B. Pant, Rs. 5|-; N. D. Chaturvedi, Rs. 5|-; M. A. Shah, Rs. 5|-; R. N. Bhatia, Rs. 5|-; H. N. Dhown, Rs. 5|-; M. M. S. Sidhu, Rs. 5|-; J. Williams, Rs. 5|-; Miss S. Itty, Rs. 10|-; B. N. Sinha, Rs. 4|-; S. Bose, Rs. 20|-; Shanti Prokash Gupta, Rs. 5|-; Hans Raj, Rs. 5|-; D. Sanyal, Rs. 4|-. *3. Poona Branch*, Rs. 25|-. *4. Through Hony. Secretary, Sewan Branch*, Rs. 15|-. Drs. H. Hassan, Re. 1|-; A. Hassan, Re. 1|-; S. Ahmad, Re. 1|-; L. K. Chatterjee, Re. 1|-; Mrs. L. Thomas, Re. 1|-; D. Prosad, Re. 1|-; P. Momin, Re. 1|-; B. M. Paul, Mairwa, Rs. 5|-; A. P. Singh, Re. 1|-; M. Hassan, Re. 1|-. *5. Through Hony. Secretary, Gonda Branch*, Rs. 41|-. Capt. G. S. Bhargava, Rs. 15|-; Drs. (Mrs.) H. Greaves, Rs. 10|-; J. P. Srivastava, Rs. 5|-; N. N. Ghosh, Rs. 3|-; R. B. Singh, Rs. 2|-; M. G. Tandon, Rs. 2|-; Mahadeo Pd. Srivastava, Rs. 2|-; K. C. Bose, Rs. 2|-.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

PUNJAB PROVINCIAL BRANCH—Annual Report for 1943-44:

The 13th Session of the Punjab Medical Conference was held under the auspices of the Punjab Provincial Branch of the Indian Medical Association on 13-2-44 in the premises of the Arya Medical School, Ludhiana.

Dr. Vishwa Nath, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.T.M. & H. was the president elect for the year.

The Chairman of the Reception Committee Mr. M. K. Parikh, F.R.C.S., presented his welcome address, on the conclusion of which Dr. Vishwa Nath delivered his presidential address. After the Presidential address the election of the office bearers was held with the following result:—

Honorary Provincial Secretary—Dr. Udham Singh.

Joint Secretaries—Dr.H. S. Trehan, Lyallpur. Dr. Amar Nath Gulati, Sargodha. Dr. K. L. Pathak, Ludhiana. Dr. Dalip Chand Bahl, Ambala.

Honorary Treasurer—Dr. Ganeshi Lal, Lahore.

Important resolutions were passed. The Scientific Section was interesting and well attended.

Membership—There are twenty two branches affiliated to this provincial branch. The year opened with 514 members and closed with 580 giving an increase of 63 members.

Five Executive Committee Meetings were held during the year—three at Lahore, one at Batala and one at Sargodha.

The various resolutions that were passed at the Annual Conference last year were sent to the authorities concerned for necessary action.

Dr. Ganeshi Lal represented the Punjab Branch of the Indian Medical Association on the Provincial Drugs Advisory Sub-Committee set up by the Punjab Government with a view to deal with the various problems concerning the Drugs Control Order. Dr. Ganeshi Lal has been attending the meetings of the Sub-Committee and presented the view point of the Association and the private practitioners in general whenever the occasion arose.

A brief memorandum was prepared by a sub-committee on the date then supplied and presented to the Health Survey and Development Committee, Detailed data regarding this committee was received later on and the memorandum has not been considered comprehensive enough, so the Sub-committee has been asked to submit supplementary memorandum which is under preparation.

A sum of Rs. 200|- was received from the Central Office for propaganda work and for intensive drive to recruit members to the Lahore Branch of I.M.A.

BENGAL PROVINCIAL BRANCH—Annual Report for the year ending 30th September, 1944:

Obituary—The Association has to record, during the year its deep sense of sorrow at the sad demise of the following members, and offers its sincere condolence to the members of the bereaved families:—1. Dr. Prafulla Ch. Chakraborty (South Calcutta). 2. Dr. H. C. Majumdar (South Calcutta). 3. Dr. Bhusan Ch. Sadhu (Sitarampur). 4. Dr. Hari Pada De (Sitarampur). 5. Dr. Nalin Behari Aich (Barrackpore). 6. Dr. Jagadish Ch. Chatterjee (Khulna). 7. Dr. Dhirendra Nath Mitter (Satgachia—Kalna). 8. Dr. Jagadish Ch. Lahiri (Rangpur). 9. Dr. Jitendra Nath Majumdar (Calcutta). 10. Dr. J. C. Aich (Calcutta). 11. Dr. A. K. Rakshit (Calcutta).

The Association also recorded its deep sense of sorrow and loss at the sad demise of Acharyya P. C. Roy—one of the greatest sons of Bengal whose selfless services in the cause of science and humanity are only too well known.

Provincial Council Meetings—During the Session, seven ordinary and three special meetings of the Council were held.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday, the 5th February, 1944, at the Association Hall.

Membership—At the beginning of the year, there were 1,151 members on the register while at the close there were 1,338, there being an increase of 187 members.

A new branch was formed at Singur—Haripal within the district of Hooghly. A Propaganda Grant of Rs. 200 was received from the Central Office of this Association to add to the membership strength of the Association. The amount was received towards the close of the session, and so it was not possible to make a drive in this direction but steps will be taken at the beginning of the new session to enrol new members.

It is to be mentioned here with regret that owing to non-payment of contributions for nearly three years, the following six branches were recommended to be declared defunct from October, 1944, subject to the sanction of the Central Council:—

(1) Alipur, (2) Kashba-Dhakuria-Ballygunge, (3) South Calcutta, (4) Serampore, (5) Dacca, and (6) Sarisha-Diamond Harbour Branch.

The Provincial Council hopes that the above branches will make earnest endeavours to revive themselves.

Provincial Medical Conference—It was not possible to organise the Provincial Conference during the session owing to the war emergency situation and transport difficulties prevailing in the country.

Sub-Committees—To facilitate the working of the Association, sub-committees were formed as under:

(A) *Ethical and Medico-Political Sub-Committee*—Met four times during the year, to express its opinion on the following matters and forwarded same to the authorities concerned.

(*i*) Proposals for the formation of a National Research Council adopted by the National Institute of Sciences in India, a copy of which was forwarded to this Provincial Office by the Central Office of the I.M.A. for an expression of opinion:—

Findings—(*a*) the scheme appears to be a step in the right direction; (*b*) the medical part of the organisation should be done in close association and collaboration with the I.M.A.

(*ii*) The Government of Bengal sought the views of the Association regarding utilisation of the services of Ayurvedic practitioners in the famine relief work undertaken by the Government.

The Association regretted its inability to express an opinion on the subject, as the Government has not heretofore informed the I.M.A. or sought the opinion of the I.M.A. with regard to the curriculum or the granting of registrable status to an Ayurvedic Practitioner so that he might be considered fit for rendering preventive or curative services.

The opinion of the Association was however, summarised by the following words, quoted from Sir Nilratan Sircar's Convocation Address delivered at the Andhra University in 1939, and communicated to the Government:—

"The Criterion of the right to medical practice and to the privilege of medical registration must depend on the basic knowledge one possesses of the fundamental science of Chemistry, Physics, Anatomy, Physiology, Pharmacology and of Medicine, Surgery, Midwifery and other cognate subjects. No system of medicine, Ayurvedic, Unani or any other can get on without the help of modern basic sciences."

(*iii*) The Indian Registration (Bengal Amendment) Bill, 1943, by Mr. Nur Ahmed, M.L.C.

Findings—The Association refrains from expressing any opinion on the provisions of the Bill, as the Bill is outside the scope of the Association.

(*iv*) The Bengal Criminal Procedure (Election Offences) Amendment Bill, 1943, by Mr. Nur Ahmed, M.L.C.

Findings—Same remark as above.

(*v*) The Bengal Holy Quoran Sale Bill, 1943, by Mr. Nur Ahmed, M.L.C.

Findings—Same remark as above.

(*vi*) The Indian Lunacy (Bengal Amendment) Bill, 1943, by Mr. Nur Ahmed, M.L.C.

Findings—The Association endorses the provisions of the Bill.

(*vii*) The Bengal Borstal Schools (Amendment) Bill, 1942, by Mr. Nur Ahmed, M.L.C.

Findings—This Association is in sympathy with the provisions of the Bill and supports the amendments proposed.

(B) *Drugs and Medicaments Sub-Committee*—Met seven times during the year. The sub-committee considered the Drugs Control Order, 1943, of the Central Government and submitted the following opinion which was approved by the Provincial Council as its meeting held on 5-1-44:—

The Drugs Control Order, 1943 of the Central Government (*vide* "Gazette of India" dated November 11, 1943), was considered at the meeting of the Bengal Provincial Council of the I.M.A. held on 5-1-44 and the following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

Resolved that the Indian Medical Association firmly asserts that it should be the duty of the Government to supply the pure drugs and medicines essential for the treatment of the disease and poverty-stricken people of India and to make them available at a price commensurate with the purchasing capacity of the consumers. This is only possible if the drug manufacturers in India are developed on healthy lines for which purpose the Drugs Act 1940 should be given effect to immediately.

That the Drugs Control Order and other orders pertaining to the public health aspects of India should be drawn up in consultation with the Drugs and Technical Advisory Board, Government of India, and the Central Council of the I.M.A.

That the Drugs Control Order, 1943, which prohibits statutorily direct sale by manufacturers even to registered medical practitioners in British India, without the prescribed 'license' is an encroachment upon their privilege enjoyed by them so long.

That doctors cannot ethically take out a 'license' wholesale or retail, since they are not 'traders'.

That doctors' dispensaries which form part of their profession, are covered by their professional license only, and exempted from municipal trade license, and have also been granted exemption from the provisions of the 'Shops and Establishment Act, Bengal' on similar grounds.

That as doctors' pharmacies are not 'business concern' (since they do not require separate trade license and do not come under the Shops and Establishments Act), they cannot fulfil the provisions of Rule 6(2) of the 'Order', and thus automatically become disqualified to apply for getting a license from the Licensing Authority.

That prices of the drugs have been put up from about 100 to 400 per cent more than the current prevailing prices (and in some cases exhorbitant, allowing a high percentage of profit to the traders), without consulting the medical profession, or taking into consideration the poor consumers' lot.

That the Order does not provide for an effective stoppage of the black market menace.

That, therefore the Bengal Provincial Council of the I.M.A. requests the Central Government (*i*) to exempt the registered medical practitioners from the provisions of this Order by Rule 18, and (*ii*) to treat their registration number as sufficient license for purchasing their requirements for professional use, direct from manufactuerers or their local agents who should be so directed, or alternately grant them free purchasing license as sanctioned to Hospitals and Charitable Dispensaries, and (*iii*) to fix the ceiling prices in consultation with representatives of the profession and the manufacturers.

(C) *Nutrition Sub-committee*—Has not submitted any report.

(D) *Medical Education and Hospital Sub-committee*—Met five times during the year.

(*a*) A mass meeting of the members of the medical profession was held on 13-3-44 at the Calcutta Medical Club to consider the policy of the Government in the matter of appointments to the teaching staff in the various medical institutions of the Province.

The following resolution was unanimously passed:—"This meeting of the members of the medical profession of Bengal especially convened under the auspices of the Indian Medical Association, the Calcutta Medical Club and the All-India Medical Licentiates' Association, views with grave concern the policy of the Government of Bengal in making appointments, both honorary and salaried, in the Medical Department of the Province, including those in the teaching institutions and in the Medical College, the Medical Schools and in the State and State-aided hospitals, on communal and extra-academic considerations. This meeting is of the opinion that in filling teaching appointments, particularly, the fundamental principles observed in making such appointments all over the world, namely, outstanding merit and scholarship, experience in teaching the particular subject, higher academic qualifications and long practice in the speciality of a clinical subject, should be the only criteria, in the interest of the sick public and the efficient training of future doctors of the country. This meeting, therefore, urges upon the Government of Bengal not to be influenced by communal considerations in filling up these appointments.

The resolution was forwarded to the authorities concerned.

(*b*) Bengal Secondary Education Bill, 1944—The Subcommittee protested against the introduction of the above Bill and passed the following resolution which was also approved by the Provincial Council:—

"The Bengal Provincial Branch of the Indian Medical Association places on record its emphatic protest against the New Bengal Secondary Education Bill, 1944, as the Bill betrays 'communalism' in the composition of the Education Board, its Council and Committees having little or no regard for bonafide education and academic interests.

The Bill is reactionary in spirit and is designed not to develop and improve secondary education in the province but to exploit the existing facilities for secondary education for communal purposes. It is highly detrimental to educational progress, to the national and cultural aspirations of the country and to communal unity which are all essential to the building up of a sound system of national education. The Bill makes the interest of education subservient to communal considerations and seeks to bring it more effectively under official control, introduces communalism in the sphere of education by providing for election, nomination and co-option of the members of the Board, of the Executive Council of the Committees on communal basis and creates separate communal electorates. The Bengal Provincial Council of the Indian Medical Association demands that the Bill be withdrawn."

(*c*) Questionnaire prepared by the Professional Education Advisory Committee and the Medical Relief Advisory Committee of the Health Survey and Development Committee, appointed by the Government of India, to survey the health problems of the country and to formulate proposals for future development.

The replies to the above questionnaire were submitted to the Central Office of the I.M.A. to be forwarded to the authorities concerned.

(E) *Urban Medical and Public Health Services (in Bengal) Sub-committee*—Met twice. The sub-committee has not yet finished its labour and submitted any report.

(F) *Rules Revision Sub-committee*—A sub-committee was appointed on 17-7-44 to revise the existing rules of the Association to place them in conformity with those of the Central Office. The sub-committee has not submitted any report and it is hoped a comprehensive report will be made available in the next session.

(G) *Bengal Medical Relief Committee*—During the year, the Committee rendered medical relief in Calcutta and urban areas in collaboration with other relief organisations. In Calcutta the Committee worked at Pottery Road, (All-India Women's Conference, Calcutta Branch) Fern Road (Ballygunge Relief Home) and Gariahat Road Centres and treated 1,924 cases.

The Committee supplied money and medicines to the following organisations: —

(*a*) Howrah Medical Relief Committee—Number of cases treated 1,716.

(*b*) All-Calcutta Teachers and Students United Relief Committee—Number of cases treated 3,000 at Manikganj (Dacca) in 500 houses.

Another squad was sent fully equipped with medicines to Kandi (Murshidabad). The unit rendered humanitarian services to the suffering locality and this was much appreciated.

(*c*) Ramkrishna Sevasram (Belkuchi) Pabna—This organisation approached us for some medicines which were immediately supplied from stock, the approximate value being Rs. 70.

(*d*) I.M.A., Kalna Branch—On a requisition made by the President, I.M.A., Kalna Branch, a sum of Rs. 204 and medicines worth Rs. 250 were supplied for rendering relief work in the locality.

(*e*) People's Relief Committee—On a request being made by this organisation, five fully equipped unit boxes, each valued at Rs. 300 approximately were supplied to them for relief work in the rural areas of Bengal.

(*f*) I.M.A., Khulna Branch—This branch approached the Committee for money and medicines. A sum of Rs. 250 and medicines worth Rs. 300 were supplied to this branch for doing relief works within the district.

The Bengal Medical Relief Committee is grateful to the Hony. General Secretary, I.M.A. for a contribution of Rs. 326-12-0 for carrying on relief works within this province.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

I.M.A., CENTRAL COUNCIL—Memorandum on Adarkar Report:

The Sub-Committee consisting of Col. Amirchand, Drs. Chaman Lal Mehta and S. C. Sen met at the Delhi Medical Association House, Delhi, at 10 A.M. on 7-7-1945 to consider the Adarkar Report. The Committee had the advantage of the presence of the President, Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, and his advice and guidance. Capt. Shivapuri was unfortunately absent during the discussion, but has subsequently approved of the report and has signed it.

The following notes and reports were considered:—

1. The Questionnaire issued by Prof. Adarkar: The reply of the Indian Medical Association and the Memorandum submitted at the time.
2. Adarkar Report.
3. The editorial on the Adarkar report as published in the Journal in April, 1945.
4. Notes of the Bengal, Punjab and Maharastra and Karnatak Provincial Branches.
5. Notes by Drs. Dadachanji & Chamanlal Mehta of Bombay.
6. Notes by Messrs. Stack & Rao of the International Labour Office.
7. Memoranda submitted by All-India Trades' Union Congress.
8. Press note on Social Security for workers (Times of India 12-5-1945).
9. Unified scheme of Social Security (Memorandum No. SSI(1) of 21-5-45 from the Secretary (Labour Deptt.), Govt. of India.

After consideration of the notes and reports mentioned above and discussion of various points, the Sub-Committee submits the following report for the consideration of the Working Committee and the Central Council of the Association.

The Indian Medical Association is of the opinion that nothing short of a scheme on the lines of the Beveridge Plan will meet the requirements of the people of India—as has been emphasised on various occasions from the platform of the Indian Medical Association and in the columns of its Journal.

2. The unified scheme of social security to cover health insurance, maternity benefit and employment injury, as circulated under SSI(1) of 21-5-45 by the Secretary, Labour Deptt. Government of India, is an improvement on the Scheme originally proposed in the report submitted by Prof. Adarkar, who was presumably handicapped by the terms of reference and the limitations placed on him. But it has still ignored the fundamental factors necessary for the prevention of disease and achievement of positive health, on which must depend the success of any scheme for the relief of sickness.

3. The Indian Medical Association is glad to find that Messrs. Stack & Rao—the experts from the International Labour Office—are in agreement with the major part of its views on the subject—as submitted in the reply to the questionnaire and its Memorandum and in the editorial comment on the Adarkar report as published in its Journal in April, 1945. It is obvious that the notes submitted by these two experts have largely influenced the Government of India in modifying the Adarkar scheme. We have a feeling that these experts would perhaps have supported our points of view entirely—had there been an opportunity for them and representatives of the Indian Medical Association to meet and discuss the matter together. As such, in this new scheme, there are still some shortcomings which are of fundamental importance to which the attention of the Central & Provincial Governments and other parties concerned is drawn in the following paragraphs:—

4. Whereas provision has been made for Health Insurance, Maternity Benefit and Employment Injury, the fundamental assumptions necessary for the success of the scheme, *viz.*,

(*a*) early adoption of unemployment insurance and creation of new employments.

(*b*) establishments of old age pension.

(*c*) Adoption of premedical measures *e.g.*, regulation of wages, enforcement of factory laws, good housing, nutrition, education etc. etc.

(*d*) a national health drive,

have been completely left out of the picture. Unless these are taken up results will not be achieved to the desired extent.

5. Medical Care:

(*a*) The dependants of the insured workers have been left out of the scheme for the present. We suggest that they should be included in the scheme from the start; if the Central and Provincial Governments or the Employer are unwilling to pay for their medical care, the necessary amounts may be levied from the workers for this purpose—the amount varying with the number of dependants.

(*b*) Provision should be made for proper institutional treatment for diseases like Tuberculosis, Leprosy and Venereal diseases etc. If necessary, the Central and Provincial Governments should make extra contribution for the purpose. This is absolutely necessary for the prevention of spread of such diseases and in the interest of the community and the country.

(*c*) Medical care—according to the latest Government proposals on Health Insurance, will be provided by Provincial health authorities. We hope that the original idea of Prof. Adarkar, regarding whole time service personnel to which this Association strongly objected, will be given up, if it has not been already dropped; and that the panel system (as prevalent in the U.K., with further improvements as suggested by the British Medical Association) recommended by the Indian Medical Association and the Trades' Union Congress will be in force. We feel very strongly that in the interest of both the insured and the medical profession the basic principle of free choice between doctor and patient, and personal (as against official) relationship should be maintained. As we have already pointed out that it is to the best interest not only of the workers, but the State as well, to foster the idea and growth of the family physician and make it possible that the treatment and care of the entire family as one unit is undertaken by one Doctor of their choice. This will help in promoting good will, trust and co-operation which must be available to the necessary extent if positive health has to be achieved and all preventive measures which are likely to be adopted in the near future are to be successful.

Similarly, for laboratory and specialist services, local consultants and specialists may be employed, either on a per capita or part time salary basis.

6. Medical administration:

(*a*) The representation suggested for the medical profession in the Central, regional and local boards is only one in each. This is extremely inadequate. This number should be increased to at least 3 in each board and these members should be representatives of the Indian Medical Association.

(*b*) There should be two separate departments under the Minister of Health in each province—(1) to deal with medical benefit and (2) to deal with the subject, of cash benefit of all kinds.

(*c*) The Indian Medical Association further recommends to the authorities that the question of remuneration and terms of the panel service etc. should be determined in consultation with the representatives of the Indian Medical Association.

It will be noticed that in this report we have only dealt with general principles and have not gone into details. We hope that the Central Government will give the Indian Medical Association an opportunity for discussion before the scheme is finally prepared. Sd./- S. C. Sen, Convener, Sd./- Chamanlal Mehta, Sd./- Amirchand, Sd./- H. N. Shivapuri.

ONGOLE BRANCH—Annual Meeting held on 28-10-44: The following were elected for the year 1944-45:

President—Dr. A. G. Boggs, M.D. *Vice-President*—Dr. C. Ramkrishna, L.M.S. *Secretary*—Dr. G. Raghavacharya, M.B.B.S. *Joint Secretary*—Dr. Miss R. A. Jacob, L.M.P.

Dr. T. Subbeali, L.M.P., F.I.M. spoke about the therapeutic uses of a few Indian medicinal plants. He dealt with the uses of neem, turmeric and aloes.

Dr. A. G. Boggs demonstrated a series of cases of tropical ulcer.

The meeting terminated after a delightful dinner.

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Ordinary meeting held on 6-1-45 with Dr. A. G. Boggs in the chair:

After tea Dr. Miss A. R. Paramanandam, D.M.S., read a paper on "Hæmorrhages in the last trimester of Pregnancy'

while Dr. Satyanarayana, D.M.S. one on "Avitaminosis B and C". Dr. G. Raghavacharya, M.B.B.S. demonstrated a typical case of Pellagra in a woman aged about 40 years who was being treated with Nicotinic acid injections. He also showed a case of Scurvy in a boy aged about 4 years. Dr. Boggs showed two cases of extra-uterine pregnancy.

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Extraordinary meeting held on 7-2-45 when Lt.-Col. T. Shankara Sastry, I.M.S. (RETD.) an ex-Vice-President of the I.M.A. addressed the members. He gave a very interesting and instructive lecture about his impressions of the All-India Medical Conference held at Cawnpore and the annual conference of the Surgeons Association of India held at Lahore.

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Meeting held on 3-3-45 in the premises of the Clough Memorial Hospital.

Dr. G. Raghavacharya, M.B.B.S. and Dr. T. Sulliali L.M.P., F.I.M. were unanimously elected to the Provincial and Central Councils of the I.M.A. respectively.

A resolution thanking the Madras Government on the removal of the ban on Govt. Medical Officers was passed.

Another resolution was passed supporting the resolution of the Working Committee of the I.M.A. passed at its meeting held at Cawnpore on 25-12-44 about including the members of the Working Committee as *ex-officio* members of the Central Council.

The General Secretary's circular about the Drug Control Order and the advice of not taking a retailer's license by medical men was communicated to all the members.

It was resolved to collect subscriptions from members towards the N. Vizag Medical Relief Fund and an amount of Rs. 60/- was subscribed on the spot.

Then Dr. C. Ramakrishna, L.M.S. read a paper on Infantile Biliary Cirrhosis and demonstrated two cases in children belonging to the same family while Dr. Miss S. R. Raghaviah, D.M.S. read a paper on 'Malaria in Pregnancy".

After a vote of thanks the meeting came to a close.

KHULNA BRANCH—Eighth Annual General Meeting held on 15-11-44 under the presidentship of Dr. J. Banerji, Civil Surgeon, Khulna. The Secretary's report, the audited accounts and the provisional budget were read and passed.

The following office-bearers were elected for 1944-45:

President—Dr. N. N. Bhuttacharyaya, M.B., Khulna.

Vice-Presidents—(1) Dr. M. M. Basu, M.B., D.P.H. (2) Dr. Ajit Kumar Chakravarty, L.M.F.

Hony. Secretary—Dr. Kalipada Poi, L.M.F.

Hony. Asst. Secretary—Dr. Surendranath Ghosh, L.M.F.

Hony. Treasurer—Dr. D. L. Sen Gupta, M.B.

Members of the Executive Committee—Drs. J. Banerjee, K. P. Banerjee, N. L. Sen Gupta, A. K. Chakravorty, R. Datta, D. N. Shome, J. N. Kanjilal, T. N. De, N. N. Roy, R. Chatterjee (ex-officio).

Members of the Provincial Council for '44-45—Drs. Jnan Ranjan Banerjee, Kalipada Poi, Nripendralal Sen Gupta, Daulatpur (Khulna), Surendranath Ghosh, Murarimohan Basu, Nagendranath Bhattacharya (Sr.)

Members of the Central Council—Drs. Murari Mohan Basu, Kalipada Poi.

RANIGUNGE BRANCH—Annual General Meeting held on 12-1-45:

The following were elected office-bearers:

President—Dr. J. C. Ghosh. *Hony. Secretary*—Dr. B. C. Dutta. *Vice-President*—Dr. M. N. Ghosh. *Asstt. Secretary*—Dr. K. K. Gupta. *Representative to the Central Council*—Dr. Ram Bilas Hazra. *Representative to the Provincial Council*—Dr. Ganga Prosad Roy.

GONDA BRANCH—Annual meeting to be held on 22-10-44, was adjourned for want of quorum. The adjourned annual meeting was held on 23-10-44 with Capt. G. S. Bhargav, the President, in the chair:

The following office-bearers were elected, for 1944-45: *President*—Capt. G. S. Bharvaga, Civil Surgeon, Gonda. *Vice-President*—Dr. J. P. Srivastava. *Hony. Secretary*—Dr. M. G. Tandon. *Representative to the Provincial Council*—Dr. J. P. Srivastava.

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Annual report 1943-44.

Only one meeting was held, in the last week of September, 1944.

The Association has been re-organised this year. 17 members are on roll and their C.F.C. for the year 1944-45 has been sent to the Hon. Secretary U.P. Provincial Branch, Lucknow. The arrear of contribution have also been paid up.

TRICHINOPOLY BRANCH—XV Annual Report:

The Government of Madras have seen the red rag in us and so by a stroke of the pen banned Government servants from being members of the Association. We only hope that the Government will see the unwisdom in it and rescind the order at a very early date. This had the effect of reducing our membership on rolls to 70 and also to a fall in revenue in the shape of subscriptions.

The one achievement in the annals of the association during the year is that we have secured a plot of about 1½ acres at a cost of Rs. 4,850/- for the association building. This was possible for the drive and influence of Dr. Rajan and for the philanthropic sentiments that have taken shape in the person of Srila Sri Shanmukha Desikananda Pandara Sannadhigal of Dharmapuram Mutt.

Summary of meetings held during the year 1943-44

Lecturer	*Subjects*
Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Thirumurthi	"Reform in Trivandram'.
Dr. S. T. Achar	"Common pitfalls in diagnosis."
Major P. Ananthakumara Menon, M.B., F.R.C.S., D.M.O.	"Diagnosis of some common acute abdominal conditions.'
Dr. C. R. Thiruvengadam, M.B.B.S., A.D.M.O. ..	"Blood transfusion."
Dr. T. V. Srinivasan, M.B.B.S.	"Clinical Notes and X-ray picture of a case of Eosinophilic Lung."
Dr. S. Chandrasekharan	"Heart Disease."
Dr. Joseph	"Ophthalmologist & Headache."
Dr. N. C. Subramaniam, M.B.B.S., T.D.D.	"Kala-azar."
Dr. N. Ramanathan, M.B.B.S., Tanjore	"Pharmacology and Therapeutics of Sulphanomides."

DEORIA BRANCH—Annual General Meeting held on 26-10-45:

The following resolutions were moved by Dr. S. C. Acharya and passed unanimously: The Government of the United Provinces be and are hereby requested to refrain from taking any action for superseding the Deoria Notified Area Committee. From the sanitary point of view, this Association holds the opinion that the condition of the Deoria Notified Area is far more satisfactory than that of the superseded Notified Area of Gaura-Barhaj, just in the neighbourhood of Deoria. It further opines that the correspondence passed between the local authorities and the Deoria N. A. C. containing unhappy allegations, cannot and should not be considered as sufficient ground for superseding a public body. If the reported allegations be false or defamatory, criminal proceedings may be instituted against the perpetrators, instead of the present move of snatching away the public right of administrating their own civic affairs by themselves.

In view of the persistent refusal of supplies by the Cawnpore Branch of Messrs. Volkart Bros. to the Chemists of the Deoria town and thus violating the provision of Rule 11 of the Drugs Control Order, 1943, the U. P. Government is earnestly requested to make an investigation in the matter.

The Branch congratulated Dr. B. C. Roy on his being re-elected President of the Indian Medical Council for a further term of 5 years. It is a fact that Dr. Roy is chiefly responsible for helping the Indian Medical Licentiates for their appearing in the final M.B.B.S. examination after a short course of study. The seats now allocated in the Medical Colleges are too inadequate to accommodate even a small percentage of the existing licentiates. It is hoped that Dr. Roy will exert his powerful influence to increase the accommodation of the licentiates in the Medical Colleges. He is also requested to arrange the closing of the medical schools as early as possible

for bringing the Indian medical education to an uniform minimum standard.

NAZIBABAD BRANCH—Special meeting held on 23-10-44:

The following office-bearers were elected for 1944-45:

President—Khan Sahib Dr. Mushraf Ali. *Vice-President*—Dr. Iqbal Bahadur Saxena. *Secretary*—Dr. D. C. Banerjee. *Treasurer*—Dr. Hari Ratan Gupta.

ANNUAL REPORT

There have taken place altogether eleven sittings of this Branch at the premises of all the members in turn; and all the members who had invited the gatherings at their places entertained the members with delicious tiffin and hearty welcome.

The year made itself most conspicuous to the medical profession, in particular to the practising doctors, on account of the enforcement of the Drug Control Order, 1943. There was great difficulty in obtaining respective Purchasers' Licenses from the District Licensing Authority. Uultimately, when we could not get our Licenses even on repeated individual reminders to the District Supply Officer, this Association had to take up the matter in hand and it sent two representatives on deputation, Rai Saheb Dr. Dharampal Gupta and Dr. D. C. Banerjee to the said office at Bijnor on the 14th April last, with a view to get the licences issued promptly. This Branch also requested the Provincial Secretary Capt. H. N. Shivapuri, Lucknow, by correspondence to kindly try through the Provincial Govt. Authority concerned to expedite issuing Licences to us. This letter of request to our Provincial Secretary (of course written by myself as secretary) resulted in a misunderstanding between our District Authority and myself considering it as a personal complaint of mine, which culminated in unpleasant correspondence and unhappy feelings between us for some time. But am glad to inform you that the unfriendly feelings of the District Authority concerned with me in particular, have been shed off and a friendly feeling reinstated when we could explain our position before the District Magistrate coming here on the 22nd July last. On this day a Deputation consisting of Khan Sahib Dr. Mushraf Ali, Dr. Deoki Nandan Sharma and Dr. D. C. Banerjee waited on the District Magistrate and requested him to kindly sanction 2 tins (gallons) of kerosene oil per month for the use of members of this Branch, on the ground that doctors require liberal quantity of kerosene oil for use in their dispensaries and surgeries for the essential purposes of sterilization and fomentation etc. I must express my grateful thanks as a representative of this Branch to Mr. Kidwai, the then Distirct Supply Officer, Bijnor for his kindly issuing a permit to us for 9 reams of writing paper at Govt. controlled rate on our personal request made to him on 14-4-1944; and also to Khan Bahadur Syed Ahmad Ali, District Magistrate and Collector, Bijnor for his kind sanction to us of two tins of kerosene oil per month on our personal request made to him on 22-7-1944.

Besides the above mentioned material gains and advantages that we, the members of this Branch of Indian Medical Association, have derived through activities and endeavours of the latter body, we have been cultivating friendly feelings amongst us through our mutual congregation at the residences of all members in turn. We have also been cultivating our knowledge in Medical Service by reading out interesting and upto date articles from medical journals and also by the reading and demonstration of some original clinical work done by a member of this Branch.

ANDHRA PROVINCIAL BRANCH—General Meeting held at Cocanada in the premises of the P. R. College, on 26-11-44:

Annual report presented by the Provincial Council for the year 43-44 and the Audit report for the year ending with 10-10-44 were read and passed.

The budget as presented by the Provincial Council was sanctioned, omitting the item T.A. for Working Committee.

The branch placed on record its high sense of appreciation of the services rendered by the retiring office-bearers of the Association especially by Dr. Veeriah Choudary and Dr. G. V. Hanumantharao.

Resolved to effect the following amendments and alterations in the rules of the Branch.

(*i*) Rule 8: Omit "not less than.....meeting" and substitute "on 1st July every year."

(*ii*) Omit "within.....request" and substitute "so as to reach the Secretary on or before 25th July every year".

(*iii*) Add new clause 8(*b*). The Secretary shall forthwith communicate the fact of the nominations to the nominees. Anyone so willing may withdraw his candidature in writing on or before 10th August."

(*iv*) Rule 9: Omit "within a fortnight.....Vice-Presidents" and substitute "on the 15th August". For same in line 5 substitute "the names of such candidates".

Add after "Votes" in line 10 of Clause 9, "so as to reach on or before September 15th".

(*v*) Rule 12, line 4: Omit "rules and" and substitute "Subsidiary" in its place.

Page 7, line 3: Omit "or by legislative enactment".

Page 7, Rule 12(*a*) for "rules" read "Subsidiary bye-laws", and omit "alter—byelaws" and add "after guidance not inconsistent with the rules of the Association."

(*vi*) Rule 7(B): After "expenditure" add "subject to budget allotment".

(*vii*) Rule 12(e): Restore. (This rule had been recommended for deletion by the Provincial Council, before)

(*viii*) Rule 13: Restore old rule regarding formation of the working committee and add clause (*f*) "the President of the past year" and clause (*g*) "The President may co-opt additional members on special occasions".

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Meeting of the Provincial Council held after the Annual General Body meeting on 26-11-44:

Election of Officer-bearers:

Hon. General Secretary—Dr. M. V. Krishnarao.

Hon. Jt. Secretaries—Dr. P. S. N. Sarma of Bhimavaram and Dr. N. Ammanna Pantulu of Cocanada.

Resolved to shift the office from Guntur to Bhimavaram, West Godavari District.

Election of 5 members to the Provincial Council—Dr. Mrs. Lakshmi, Cocanada; P. Ramarao, Podur; Nanduri Ramarao; Nuzvid; C. R. Krishna, Ongole and G. Suryanarayana, Ellore.

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Annual Report for 1943-44:

Under the auspices of the Provincial Branch the Tenth Andhra Medical Conference was held with great success at Guntur on 27th, 28th November, 1943 under the Presidentship of Dr. P. Veeraiah Chowdary. During the year we held four Council meetings.

The All-India Medical Conference held in December 1943 was attended by the President and the Secretary.

Bengal Medical Relief—We undertook to send medical volunteers to Bengal Medical relief work providing them insurance for Rs. 10,000/- each, premium paid for one year with second class T.A. We had sent one doctor but he was rejected on the ground that Bengali speaking persons were only required as per the orders of the Bengal Government. In this respect our thanks were due to a group of Guntur merchants who had undertaken the financial burden as arranged by the President, Dr. Chowdary.

Drug Control Order—Our President took all steps to get representation to the Andhra Provincial Branch on the Provincial Drug Advisory Committee and was nominated to the place. It is also to be noted with satisfaction that the members of I.M.A. were nominated to District Committees.

Central Fund Contribution—from this year, 1943-44 the Central I.M.A. had itself undertaken collection of C.F.C. including the Provincial quota, since we fell in arrears of about Rs. 500/-. The Central I.M.A. had claimed the amount from us, though we denied any such liability. However we passed strong resolutions requesting the Central I.M.A. to write off the amount.

Health Survey Sub-Committee, New Delhi—The Committee ignored Andhradesa during their visit to Madras Presidency. We made agitation in the press and also sent our resolutions to Central Government. As a result the Committee visited Vizag, on 20th August, 1944, President, Dr. Chowdary, the Secretary and the Vizag Branch President, Dr. K. Viswanathrao had given evidence. Dr. Chowdary had prepared a written memorandum in regard to all health matters pertaining to Andhradesa and submitted it to the Committee.

Andhra Medical Degrees—When we came to know that Andhra Medical Degreeholders were refused permission to appear for the M.R.C.P. examination to be held in India by the Royal College of Physicians, London, we made agitation through press and also by resolutions requesting the I.M.C. and Andhra University to take up the question.

Madras Government Ban—In June last the Madras Government promulgated a Ban on Government Medical Officers prohibiting them from being office bearers or members of the I.M.A. or its branches. As it was known later that 1 and 2 resolutions passed at All India Medical Conference held at Ahmedabad last December regarding detention of Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta and also the bad economical conditions prevailing in India due to lack of representative Government were taken objection to by Madras Government as Political. We made representations through press and letters to Government that the ban was causeless. However all officials from the various branches resigned. At our instance the Working Committee and the Central Council had met at Madras on 1st, 2nd and 3rd of September, 1944. Dr. S. N. Kaul, President of the I.M.A., interviewed the Adviser to the Madras Government who promised to look into the matter favourably.

New branches—Under our auspices, Branches at Bhimavaram, Tenali and Ongole were opened to function from 1-10-44. I.M.A. had given us Rs. 250/- upwards propaganda work earmarking Rs. 150/- for opening branches in the Districts.

You are aware that we had passed certain resolutions at the last Guntur Conference asking for representation on the Andhra Senate and the Academic Council. To implement the same it was felt necessary that we should have an able member of the association on senate and it was unanimously resolved by the Council to nominate Dr. M. V. Krishna Rao, the sitting member of the Senate to contest the elections and we made an appeal to all Medical and other graduates to help him. It is with pride I should say that he came out elected with thumping success. Our thanks are gratefully due to all members of the association in particular who responded to our appeal and Dr. Krishnarao would do all possible to justify our hope and trust in him.

Ensuing Andhra Medical Conference at Cocanada: it was attempted more than once to hold the conference at Nellore but failed. All credit should go to Cocanada Branch who had readily accepted the responsibility. There are already signs to indicate that Cocanada Conference will be a grand success, under the Presidentship of Dr. P. Gurumurty. All branches should make efforts from now to send as many delegates as possible. Dr. Choudary and myself visited Cocanada on 21st August 44 and addressed the members of the Reception Committee.

At the last Working Committee and Central Council meetings held at Madras, Dr. Jeevaraj N. Mehta made a moving appeal for funds for the Bihar Province. In response to his appeal under the auspices of the Andhra Provinciai Branch a sum of Rs. 200 was collected from the members of the Guntur Branch and it was duly remitted to the Hony. Secretary, I.M.A., Calcutta, for distribution.

KISTNA DISTRICT BRANCH—Sixth Anniversary Meeting held on 28-10-'44 in the Noble High School Buildings, Masulipatam:

Captain S. Sunkavalli, M.B., B.S., L.R.C.P., & F.R.C.S., of Bezwada was proposed to the Chair. The President gave his opening remarks in Telugu and said that he would conduct the day's proceedings excepting the Scientific session in Telugu and requested all concerned to try and develop the habit of loving the mother tongue and the art of adopting it in the Association's future meetings.

The Secretary read out his Annual Report and presented the Balance Sheet for '43-44 and this was adopted.

Office bearers elected for 1944-45:

President—Dr. K. V. Subbarao, L.M. & S.

Vice-President—Dr. P. S. Chalapati Rao, L.M.P.

Secretary—Dr. J. V. R. Sarma, M.B., B.S., L.O.

Joint Secretary—Dr. K. V. R. Sastry, M.B., B.S.

Other Managing Committee Members—Drs. Lakshmi Sastry, M.B., B.S., Pamarru; P. Seshagiri Rao, L.M.P., Gudivada; M. Nageswara Rao, L.M.P., Masulipatam.

Andhra Provincial Council—Drs. Seshacharyulu, L.M. & S.; K. V. Subbarao, L.M. & S.; J. V. R. Sarma, M.B., B.S., L.O. and P. S. Chalapati Rao, L.M.P.

Central Council Indian Medical Association—Drs. K. Seeta Pati Rao, L.M.P.; R. Atchyuta Ramayya, M.B., B.S.

The Scientific session began and the following subjects were dealt with:

1. A case of Traumatic Hemiplegia in a child of 5 years—Dr. K. V. R. Sastry, M.B., B.S.
2. Rheumatic Heart Disease (3 cases demonstrated)—Dr. K. V. Subbarao, L.M. & S.
3. Rickets—Dr. R. Atchyuta Ramayya, M.B., B.S. (5 cases demonstrated).
4. Congenital Syphilis (2 cases demonstrated)—Dr. K. V. R. Sastry, M.B., B.S.
5. Extroversion of the bladder (photographs and clinical notes demonstrated)—Dr. R. Atchuyuta Ramayya, M.B., B.S.

The distinguished speaker of the day Ayurveda Bhushana Pandit Nori Ramamurty Garu of Bezwada next spoke on the "Principles of Ayurveda".

The learned President closed the meeting with a few remarks on the scientific session. After a vote of thanks from Secretary, the party rose for Dinner.

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Annual Report—1943-44:

The year under review is one full of events pleasant and unpleasant—surprises, thrills, activities—medical, ethical and social. Having entered its 6th year of age by 1st October 1943, this young Branch has faced a gale and withstood a whirlwind and has emerged out all the stronger for it and on that score deserves to be congratulated. We had two Presidents this year. The former Dr. B. Sankar Rao had to leave us due to his transfer from this place. A hearty send off was arranged in his case and words of appreciation for the good work, he has done and the encouraging support he has given during his term of office was recorded at our meetings. The second, Dr. A. L. Ananta Narayana Iyer, had to resign after about a month's enthusiastic tenure of office, because of the Madras Government's Ban on the Government Medical Officers being members of I.M.A. I am sorry to record however that the members of our Association could not help passing a resolution protesting against "the high-handed action of the President Dr. A. L. Ananta Narayana Iyer in abruptly dissolving the meeting held on 24-6-'44 in the hospital premises without any justifiable cause and also in not allowing the members to have '*Tea*' in the hospital compound simply because he failed in his attempts to persuade members to disaffiliate this branch from the I.M.A. As a result of this Madras Government Ban one by one of the Government Medical Officers had to send in resignations from their membership and thus the Indian Medical Association in general and our Branch in particular have lost the support of some enthusiastic and well wishing members of Indian Medical Association. Of such I cannot but make mention of my Joint Secretary, Dr. Mrs. P. Janaki Bai, who by her hearty co-operation made each and every one of our Association meetings a success during the period in which she was in office. In spite of these devastating effects of the Government Ban, I am happy to say, the rest of our friends continue their membership and the Association is being kept alive and active.

Social Gatherings—This year we had seven General Body meetings, one emergency and one extraordinary meeting. The Managing Committee met three times. Only one of our General Body meetings was held in Bezwada and the rest at the Head-quarters. This is chiefly due to the frequent changes in the Presidents. At the last of our General Body Meetings Dr. K. V. R. Sastry, M.B.B.S., played the host.

We had two more gatherings of an informal nature. One was on 11-8-44 when Lt.-Col. T. S. Sastry, I.M.S., Founder President of our Branch visited at Masulipatam Messrs A. N. Rao and Brothers who played the hosts were very kind enough to invite all members of our Branch together. I am sure one and all of our members who attended that day rejoiced very much at the enlightening, enchanting and electrifying lecture given by Lt-Col Sastry on his "experiences in Egypt in this War," as well as, at the supurb and sumptuous refreshments and dinner given by the hosts.

The second informal meeting was held on 9th Setember when Dr. M. V. Subbarao, the Ex-Secretary of our branch was transferred from this place. Dr. J. V. R. Sarma played the host.

Scientific Sessions—We had interesting Scientific discus-

sions and instructive lectures on various subjects by our members.

November, '43—Cataract extraction by Dr. D. Raghava Rao, B.A., M.B., B.S. History of the evolution of various methods of cataract extraction by Dr. J. V. R. Sarma, M.B., B.S., L.O.

December, '43—Toxic manifestation of mestruation by Dr. N. Rama Rao, L.M.P.

January, '44—Normal labour in a case of carcinoma cervix uteri by Dr. R. Venkata Rao, M.B.B.S. Abdominal injuries by Dr. R. Venkata Rao, M.B.B.S. Quinine injection in malaria by Dr. N. Rama Rao, L.M.P. Syringomeylia by K. V. R. Sastry, M.B.B.S.

February, '44—Treatment of scabies by Dr. K. V. Sastry, M.B.B.S.

May, '44—Penicillin—its properties and usage by Dr. D. Raghava Rao, B.A., M.B., B.S. A case of Morgagnian cataract by Dr. J. V. R. Sarma, M.B.B.S.

Bengal Famine Relief—Besides the clinical aspect our Association did a good of work regarding the social side of the Association as per the directions of the parent body given from time to time. As early as December, '43 we resolved to do our bit towards the Bezwada Famine Relief. We formed a sub-committee which met and discussed the methods for collection of the fund by keeping sealed fund boxes in various dispensaries of members and induce patients to put in their might. But with all this planned programme we could send only an amount of Rs. 40/- to the Secretary, I.M.A. This is far from our expectation and satisfaction. A few of the members of our Association were willing to go and volunteer for service in Bengal in response to a call from the parent body of I.M.A. and I am glad to say that one of our members actually did apply. But some how he did not get the call and so his valuable services could not be utilised by people concerned.

Medical Volunteer Corps—By another resolution passed in the same month in accordance with the object of I.M.A. we determined to give training to the Medical volunteer corps which intended to provide "in co-operation with the Government Health Department and other public bodies with the same objects medical relief in times of epidemics and emergency and for conducting an education campaign among the people regarding public health problems". A sub-committee was formed with Dr. K. V. Sastry as Secretary. A training centre was opened in May, '44 and one batch of sixteen volunteers including one lady volunteer drawn from all over the district attended a course of lectures and practical demonstration conducted in accordance to a syllabus drawn up for the purpose which included subjects like first aid, Rural Sanitation, Anti-Epidemic work etc. Drs. J. V. R. Sarma, R. Atchuta Ramayya, K. V. R. Sastry, V. Soma Sundara Rao, M. Seshacharyulu and Raja Rao worked as instructors.

The volunteers were examined at the end of the course and such of those who succeeded in getting through were entrusted with the task of organising health posts in their respective areas. At least one such post was organised at Puritigadda in Divi Taluk. This post was opened by Dr. J. V. R. Sarma, the opening function being presided over by Dr. R. Atchuyuta Ramayya. This post is not actively working. Other posts are likely to take shape in the near future and we hope to see them rendering valuable service to the people soon. We hope that the public and the medical profession will help more and more the growth of this movement for rural health.

Co-operative Medical Society—It was in the month of December, '43 again that we started our effort for the organisation of the Co-operative Medical Stores, the need for which was felt by everybody. It received generous and hearty co-operation from medical and non-medical men who subscribed an amount of ten thousand rupees towards the share capital. We applied for Registration of our Co-operative Society. The Co-operative department after a short period of 7 months' correspondence and consideration registered the Society. At a meeting of the share-holders the board of directors was constituted. We had to apply to the Government for exemption under the Drug Control Order to obtain a retailer's licence. The application which has been submitted by us has been on its four for the last three months in the sphere of pigeon holes. We have been asked to furnish information on such questions as the location of Co-operative Stores, its stock of drugs, the guarantee for supply of drugs from important firms etc. The information was furnished in reply to these interesting questions about the stores which has not yet started functioning. Our information must have been now receiving the attention of the authorities concerned. It can be reasonably hoped that the exemption may be obtained before of the dawn of the new year. An year is but a small fraction of the period of man's mundane life and we must be really gratified to see the realisation of our desire for a Co-operative Stores, in such a short period.

Office Establishment—Our Association office ever since its insception was located in one corner of the Local District Medical Officer's Office; as it happened that as though by convention every succeeding District Medical Officer was being elected as the President in town. In February last we were asked by the authorities concerned to shift our Office elsewhere probably for lack of accommodation. Having no place to call its own our office was accommodated in one room of the Secretary's own clinic. We hope with the continued enthusiastic support of members and the public we will be able to find means of procuring a small decent site whereon we shall build a nice little building for our Association wherein we can hold our deliberation, provide facilities for lodging such of those moffusil members who stay overnight after attending meetings and open a library and a clinical laboratory for the benefit of members.

Andhra Provincial and the All-India Medical Conferences—Our Association was well represented at the Andhra Provincial Conference held at Guntur in November last and at the All-India Medical Conference; and derived may benefits from such visits.

KISHANGANJ BRANCH—Annual General Meeting held on 5-11-44:

The following were elected office-bearers for 1944-45:

President—Dr. S. Kumar. *Secretary*—Dr. N. Das. *Members*—Drs. B. Basu, S. C. Ghose, L. N. Lall, G. L. Ghose, Miss K. Roy, G. C. Kundu, K. M. Mondal. *Auditor*—Dr. B. Basu. *Reprsentative to Central Council*—Dr. S. Kumar. *Representative to Provincial Council*—Dr. L. N. Lall, N. Das.

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Annual report for the year 1943-44:

The branch was established in 1941. Members on roll on 1st October, '43—17. New members enrolled during year—5. Member leaving station—1. Total members at the close of the year—21. *Meeting*—General—1. Ordinary—4.

Activities—Government was moved for Compulsory inoculation against cholera and small-pox during Khagra mela.

Papers subscribed—(1) I.M.G. (2) Antiseptic. (3) Journal of Pediatrics.

During the year under review Drugs Control Order came into force. The representation sent to Government by Dr. Mehta on behalf of the Association rightly expresses our view. Regarding Purchasers License the report says, "The medical profession is already a class of licensed people. They have to be registered with the Provincial Medical Councils and as Registered practitioners they have a certain status, responsibility and privileges and duties both towards public and state. The Government under the Drugs Control order have brought them down to the level of not only a trader but a restaurant keeper. The form of purchase license and fees attached to it are the same for the Medical practitioners, Vaidyas, Hakims, Homœopaths, Chemists and restaurant keepers. All of them are entitled to get the drugs from the wholesalers and importing firms on the same conditions. It is most humiliating to the members of the Medical Profession to wait at the door of the importing offices for some hours in line with traders and Iranis and submit to the same kind of treatment.

It was very unjust of the Government to have fixed Rs. 15/- as license fees as it was tantamount to introducing indirectly a professional tax to which the Medical profession has always objected as being derogatory to its dignity.

We request the Government to change the form of the Purchase License into a permit which should be issued at a nominal fee of Re. 1/-."

Inspite of the Drugs Control Order we do not get necessary Medicines. Excepting, a few, all the manufacturers and importers of foreign medicines have expressed their inability to supply medicines to the mofussil whereas their

products are available in any quantity at Calcutta. There should be control at the source of supply also.

We had heaviest incidence of cholera and malaria during the year under review. Though cholera has not reappeared malaria has reappeared with its full fury. Dearth of Quinine has added fuel to fire. Government the only source of Quinine Supply in India now has stopped supplying it. Instead it is pushing Quinacrine or Mepacrine. It is for you to say gentlemen, how far these are efficious to check malaria. Inspite of all its merits it can not replace quinine yet. We should move the Government to supply us with quinine along with Mepacrine.

Regarding the cost of Mepacrine, the price per 100 tablets Rs. 2/14/- exclusive of postage and freight. When we add these the cost per tablet is more than the controlled selling price of -/-/6 per tab. The Government should either increase the selling price or reduce the cost of supply.

CAWNPORE BRANCH—Annual General Meeting held on 10-10-44:

There were 85 members on roll in the beginning of the year. There were 8 General meetings, 6 Executive Committee meetings, 1 Clinical, 2 Social, and 2 Special meetings.

Persuant to the resolution of the Head Quarters the name of the Association has been changed from Cawnpore Medical Association to "Indian Medical Association, Cawnpore Branch".

The Drug Control Order, 1943, had caused great difficulties and misapprehensions among the members and some members had to face difficulties but due to the interest taken by Capt. Shivapuri and the Head Quarters, the majority of them were solved. The Association also helped the members if and when necessary and proved the worth and advantages of the Association to the hilt.

On the representation of the Head Quarters through Capt. S. C. Sen, the Central Government had agreed to give more tyres, tubes and petrol, but of late has cancelled the same.

A representation was made to the U. P. Government regarding representation of the Association on the Local Self Government institutions but to no effect.

A new feature of the year was the introduction of the Social Meetings in which the partners of the members were also invited in order to create better social relations amongst the members.

There were two At Homes—one to meet Dr. Basu of Chinese Medical Mission who gave an account of his experiences in China and another to welcome of Dr. Murarilal Rohatgi and Dr. Jawahar Lal after their release.

Dr. S. N. Saxena gave evidence before the Health Advisory and Development Committee on behalf of the Association.

The Government is now supplying mepacrine at cheap rates to practitioners and chemists and this will relieve the acute shortage of Quinine to a great extent.

Officer bearers for the year 1944-45:

Patron—Dr. S. N. Sen. *President*—Dr. Abdus Samad. *Vice-Presidents*—Drs. M. X. De Noronha, Jawahar Lal. *Hony. Secretary*—Dr. S. N. Saxena. *Joint Secretary*—Dr. R. N. Mathur. *Librarian*—Dr. M. L. Gujral. *Asstt. Librarian*—Dr. S. W. Kunte. *Treasurer*—Dr. G. L. Rohatgi. *Members*—Drs. Banwarilal Rohatgi, S. Sen, A. M. Khan, R. K. Seth, Miss C. Rohatgi, P. D. Katyar, Wahiduddin, P. N. Bajpai.

PATNA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION—Annual Meeting held on 11-11-44 in the Medical College, Patna, with Rai Bahadur Dr. T. N. Banerjee, M.R.C.P. etc. in the chair:

The meeting was preceeded by Tea and a discourse by Col. W. C. Spackman on Penicillin.

The year started with 84 members, 50 new members were enrolled making a total of 134.,

Professor B. N. Prasad as editor along with Dr. K. Mitra as his associate and Dr. N. K. Chowdhury as the assistant editor have tried their utmost to improve the journal.

The Executive Committee met 5 times.

5 clinical meetings were held. One in February when the Old Boy's Reunion invited us to interesting discourses by Professor B. N. Prasad, Major Murdoch and Rai Bahadur Dr. T. N. Banerjee.

Dr. Col. K. K. Chatterjee gave a discourse on "Neisseriasis"; Dr. Wang Cheng Fa on "Habits, Diet and Nutrition" of China; Dr. Gaya Prasad on Congenital Syphilis with demonstration of one interesting case and radiographic and post mortem findings of another.

The members organised the "North Bihar Medical Relief Committee" for the suffering people of North Bihar and were the first to render medical aid to North Bihar. R. B. Dr. T. N. Banerjee, Dr. Ram, Ghoshal and Ghosh assisted by others did very good work increasing the popularity of the association. The members did mass and individual cholera inoculation in Patna.

Socials—The members met at Tea 4 times. (*a*) To meet Lt.-Col. K. K. Chatterjee. (*b*) To meet Dr. Wang Cheng Fa. (*c*) To meet the Health Survey Committee. (*d*) Annual Tea.

It is a matter of gratification that the association is having recognition by both Government and Public.

The Municipality Provincial Drug Advisory Board, the peoples food conference, the D.P.H., etc., consulted the Branch on various points.

The Provincial Branch is being consulted for many important items by the authorities and the latest news is the recognition by the University of Patna.

All the meetings and socials were held in the Medical College premises. For this the association owes a deep debt of gratitude to R.B. Dr. T. N. Banerjee, Principal of the Medical College.

Office-bearers elected for the year 1944-45:

President—Rai Bahadur Dr. T. N. Banerjee, M.R.C.P. *Vice-President*—Dr. Ali Ahmad and Dr. R. Saran. *Honorary Secretary*—Dr. S. Samaddar. *Honorary Joint Secretary*—Dr. (Mrs.) P. K. Das, Dr. G. Achari. *Editor of Journal*—Rai Saheb Dr. S. K. Ghosh Dastidar, M.R.C.P., etc. *Associate Editors*—Professor G. K. Ghosh and Dr. S. Prasad. *Manager, Journal*—Dr. Masdul Haque. *Financial Secretary*—Dr. T. P. Sinha. *Executive Committee*—Professors B. N. Prasad, B. Narayan, D. Ram, Dr. Gaya Prasad II, R.S. Dr. Hargobind Prasad, Rai Bahadur Dr. S. B. Dutt, Dr. S. N.Mazumdar, Dr. P. N. Sinha and other office-bearers—*ex-officio*. *Journal Committee*—Professors B. N. Prasad, B. Narayan, D. Ram, Dr. B. Das Gupta, Editor, Associate Editors, Manager and Dr. S. Samaddar, *ex-officio*. *Representatives to the Central Council*—Rai Bahadur Dr. T. N. Banerjee, Dr. R. Saran, Dr. D. Ram. *Representatives to the Provincial Council, I.M.A.*—Dr. (Miss) M. P. John, R.B. Dr. S. B. Dutt, Drs. S. N. Mazumdar, R. B. Chowdhury, Damodar Pd., Sitaram Verma, S. Reza, Subinoy Sen Gupta.

The following resolutions were passed—

Resolved that we should stick to our old name "Patna Medical Association" as a branch of Indian Medical Association as per our conditions of affiliation, ours being one of the oldest medical association in India.

Resolved that proper authorities be approached for a remuneration of Rs. 1/8/- for every case of notification as is the custom in every other civilised country [*Ref.*—Hand Book of Sanitary Law by B. Burnett Ham, M.D., D.P.H. (CAMB.), page 176].

Resolved that if a member elected to the Executive Committee or any other committee elected by Patna Medical Association absents himself without adequate reasons or previous notice thereof from 3 consecutive meetings the person concerned automatically ceases to be a member of the committee. He shall not be deemed eligible for election the next year also.

NOTICE

The offices of the I.M.A., Central and Journal, will remain closed on account of Puja holidays from October 12, 1945 to October 20, 1945, both days inclusive. All remittances and correspondence received during this period will be acknowledged after the offices reopen on October 22, 1945.

23, Hindusthan Buildings, Calcutta,
1st August, 1945.

P. B. MUKERJI,
Hony. General Secretary, I.M.A.

ASSOCIATION NOTES

I.M.A., WORKING COMMITTEE—Summary of proceedings of the seventeenth meeting of the Working Committee of the Indian Medical Association held at Delhi Medical Association House, Darayagunj, Delhi, on 9th July, 1945, at 10 a.m. with Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta (Bombay), President, in the chair:

Before commencement of the business of the meeting, the following resolution was moved from the chair and unanimously passed, all standing:—

The Indian Medical Assocation place on record their deep sense of sorrow at the sad demise of Rai Saheb Dr. Shantimohan Ghosh of Ranigunj, Dr. S. N. Chatterji (Senior) of Jessore, Dr. M. H. Bhagat of Ahmedabad, Dr. N. D. Khanolkar and Dr. K. V. Wadhawani of Karachi, Sir Mangoldas V. Mehta and Dr. Jetahalal Vohra of Bombay and Dr. J. P. Patel of Jhansi and convey their heartfelt sympathies to the members of the bereaved families.

Resolved that a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the members of the bereaved families.

1. *Confirmation of the Proceedings of the last meeting:*

Resolved that the proceedings of the last meeting of the Working Committee held at Calcutta on 1-4-1945 be confirmed.

2. *Monthly Statement of Account, upto 15-6-1945:*

Resolved that the Monthly Statement of Accounts, as circulated, be recorded.

3. (*a*) *Consideration of opinions received from branches on Amendments to the Rules of the Indian Medical Association proposed by Capt. H. N. Shivapuri, Hony. Prov. Secy., U. P. Provincial Branch:*

Resolved that the matter be referred to a Sub-Committee consisting of Capt. H. N. Shivapuri (Lucknow) and Capt. S. C. Sen (Delhi) with a request to submit their Report as early as possible to enable its submission at the next meeting of the Working Committee.

3. (*b*) *Life Insurance Medical Examination Fees: Desirability of a further approach to Indian Life Insurance Companies Association:*

Resolved that the consideration of the matter be adjourned and Dr. B. C. Roy be requested to kindly take up the matter in consultation with the Hony. General Secretary.

3. (*c*) *Consideration of I.M.S. (Civil) (Condition of Service) Rules, 1941, dated March 21, 1941:*

The general opinion of the house was to await further developments in the matter on the publication of the Bhore Committee's report.

Resolved that the papers be recorded.

4. *Consideration of letter dated 15-4-45 from Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao of Guntur regarding inadvisability of holding meeting of the Central Council immediately following a meeting of the Working Committee:*

Resolved that the Committee is of opinion that it is not possible to lay down a definite direction in the matter.

5. *Consideration of letter from Baroda Branch re. Formation of a Baroda Provincial Branch with Headquarters at Baroda:*

Resolved that the Working Committee approved of the reply sent by Hony. General Secretary to the Hony. Secretary of the Baroda Branch. As regards the local branches that may be formed in the small Indian States in the neighbourhood of the Baroda State area, the Working Committee resolved that it be left to their discretion as to whether they should join the Baroda State Provincial Branch or the Gujrat Provincial Branch the option being exercised by them once only.

6. *Formation of Branches:*

The Hony. Jt. Secretary reported that since the last meeting of the Working Committee the following new branches had been formed:—

Under Punjab Provincial Branch: 1. Wazirabad. 2. Mianwali. 3. Gujrat. 4. Qilla Sheikhopura. 5. Faridkot.

Under U. P. Provincial Branch: 1. Farrukhabad-*cum*-Fatehgarh. 2. Lakhimpur-Kheri.

Under South India Provincial Branch: 1. Mysore 2. Bangalore. 3. Sylhet (Assam). 4. Saugor in C. P. 5. Ankleswar (Broach).

Under Bihar Provincial Branch: Nawadah.

Under Andhra Provincial Branch: Giddalore.

Resolved that the Working Committee recommends to the Central Council that the formation of the above branches be approved subject to the formalities prescribed under rule 6-C(*a*) being complied with in full.

Resolved that the recognition of the Gujarat Provincial branches be postponed till the next meeting of the Working Committee. In the meanwhile enquiries should be made about the constituent branches of the proposed Provincial Branch.

Resolved further that the Indian Medical Association, Great Britain, be recognised as an Affiliated Body of the Indian Medical Association under Rule 47 (amended).

7. *Report of the Sub-Committee, if any:*

1. The Sub-Committee appointed by the Central Council at its meeting held at Calcutta on 2-4-45 to consider the notes received from the Provincial Branches on Prof. Adarkar's Report on Health Insurance for the Industrial workers—(Memorandum on the Adarkar Report published in the *J. Indian M. A.* Supplement Aug., 1945, page xlix).

2. Sir Nilratan Sircar Commemoration Sub-Committee appointed by the Central Council at its meeting held at Cawnpore in December, 1944 (*vide* Appendix).

Re. No. 1—Resolved that the Memorandum as submitted by the sub-Committee be recommended to the Central Council for its approval.

Resolved further that in view of the urgent situation, copies of Memorandum be sent to the following, in anticipation of approval of the Central Council:—

(1) The Hon'ble Member-in-Charge of Labour.
(2) The Secretary, Deptt. of Labour, Govt. of India.
(3) Trades' Union Congress,
(4) Secretary of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce.
(5) Provincial Governments,
(6) Lay Press,
(7) Medical Press.

Re. No. 2—The Working Committee considered the suggestion of the Sub-Committee and recommended the same for the acceptance of the Central Council with the suggestion that the Council might decide whether the Medallion should be awarded every year or biennially depending upon the funds collected.

The President suggested that the Sub-Committee should arrange to collect the fund locally in Calcutta to start with and also to approach the various pharmaceutical concerns to liberally contribute to the fund and thereafter to approach in other centres in India for liberal contributions. This suggestion was approved by the Working Committee.

8. *Working out of the Provident Fund Scheme for the staff; Report of Dr. A. N. Ghosh, Hony. Joint Secretary, on the subject, if available:*

Dr. A. N. Ghosh stated that as the rules in question were not yet ready, the matter be taken up at the next meeting of the Working Committee. This was approved.

9. *To hear from the President a Report of Amalgamation Question in case he has any to make:*

The President said that soon after the April meetings of the Working Committee and the Central Council in Calcutta were over, he got into touch with the President, A.I.M.L.A. and that they agreed to meet informally in New Delhi on the 9th April, 1945. At the meeting which was held in Rai Bahadur Dr. Manoharlal Kapur's residence, the President said that he was accompanied by Capt. S. C. Sen; and the President, A.I.M.L.A. had invited R. B. Dr. Hiralal, and R. A. Amesur and Dr. U. B. Narayan Rao. As the rules of the I.M.A. provided for amalgamation without any special formality under the constitution, while the rules of the A.I.M.L.A. necessitated certain preliminaries before that Body could be amalgamated with any other organisation, it was informally agreed at the meeting that R. B. Dr. M. L. Kapur would convene a Sub-Committee of the A.I.M.L.A. to consider the matter and put up concrete proposals on receipt of which the President of the I.M.A. would convene a meeting of the Sub-Committee, he was authorised to appoint and that the two sub-committees would meet thereafter. The President further said that the President, A.I.M.L.A. had accordingly convened a meeting of his Sub-Committee on the 8th instant and that he along with

Col. Amirchand, Capt. S. C. Sen, Dr. Chamanlal M. Mehta and Dr. A. N. Ghosh had met the President, A.I.M.L.A. and his committee and informally discussed the matter with them. On receipt of the Sub-Committee's proposal, he would call a meeting of the Sub-Committee and a conference of the two sub-committees would be called shortly thereafter. He hoped that a satisfactory solution of the difficulties that were informally discussed, would be arrived at in the near future.

10. *Replies received from the branches to Head Office Circular No. 14 dated 18-5-45 (re. payment of T. A. to the representatives of branches to the Central Council by the branches themselves:*

The Working Committee was of opinion that the question of the payment of the T.A. to the members of the Central Council be left to the respective branches to decide as they thought best. The Working Committee feel that looking to the position of the Central Fund, it was not possible to pay such allowance from these funds.

In the matter of the question of increasing the Central Fund Contribution per year, per member, so as to enable the Central Council to pay T.A. to the branch representatives for attending meetings of the Central Council, it was resolved to drop the matter for the present.

11. *Report of results achieved, if received, from the Bombay branch as well from the provincial branches in Bengal, the Punjab, South India and Andhra, out of their propaganda drive for which special amounts were sanctioned by the Central Council at its meetings held in Calcutta on 26-2-44 and in Calcutta on 2-4-45:*

Resolved that the reports be recorded with the exception of the report from the Andhra Provincial Branch which was postponed to be taken up in the next meting of the Working Committee.

12. (*a*) *Letter dated 4-6-45 from Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao of Guntur returning with thanks the amount of Rs. 300/- only which was sanctioned to him by the Central Council for Propaganda work:*

Resolved that the sum of Rs. 300|- granted for propaganda in the Audhra desa area, returned by Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao, be accepted with thanks.

12. (*b*) *Writing off of the arrears Central Fund Contribution of Rs. 10/- of late Dr. S. M. Ghosh, ex-member of Ranijung Branch (under Bengal Provincial Branch).*

Resolved that out of Rs. 10|- towards the arrears Central Fund, Contribution in respect of membership of late Dr. S. M. Ghosh the sum of Rs. 2|8|- only, due for the year 1943-44 (*i.e.*, the year in which the member breathed his last) be written off by the Central Council another sum of Re. 1|- for that year be written off by the Bengal Provincial Branch.

Resolved further that the Bengal Provincial Branch be requested to inform the Hony. Secretary of the Ranigunj Branch that the local branch should pay out of its general funds the remaining sum of Rs. 6|8|- only towards the Central Fund Contribution of the member concerned for the years 1941-42 and 1942-43, which ought to have been realised by the branch itself having fallen due long before the demise of Dr. S. M. Ghosh. Out of the said sum of Rs. 6-8-0, Rs. 4-8-0 will go to the Central Fund and Rs. 2|- to the Provincial Branch.

12. (*c*) *Application from Howrah Branch for Rs. 100/- only towards propaganda expenses:*

Resolved that the consideration of the matter be postponed to the next meeting of the Working Committee.

12. (*d*) *Application from the Bengal Provincial Branch for Rs. 200/- only for propaganda in Calcutta:*

Resolved that no grant be made at present, as requested.

12. (*e*) *Resolutions from Dr. G. C. Pattanayak a member of Bhadrak Branch:*

The resolution ran as follows:—

> "With reference of the Government of India sounding public opinion regarding the proposed decimalisation of the rupee in India, resolved that the proposal be gladly accepted and, at the same time, resolved to suggest that the weights and measures also be standardised on the metric system basis."

Resolved that it be recommended to the Central Council that the sheme of decimalisation in weights, measures and money be approved and the Government may be informed accordingly.

12. (*f*) *Letter from Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao, Guntur, re. abolition of Provincial Branches:*

Resolved that the proposals put forward by Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao is not approved by the Working Committee.

12. (*g*) *Bihar Relief Fund:*

The Jt. Hony. Secretary reported that the Central Office had requested the Bihar Provincial Branch to return the amount lying with them in respect of Bihar Relief Fund but he received a telegram from them to the effect that Cholera had broken out in Bihar and as such they sought the permission of the President to utilise the amount in cholera relief work. The matter was referred to the President who, in his reply, sanctioned the spending of the amount in cholera relief.

Resolved that the action of the President be approved and that the Bihar Provincial Branch be requested to expedite their report in the matter and to return the balance of the fund not utilised as early as possible to the Central Office in accordance to the resolution passed by the Central Council at its meeting held at Calcutta on 2-4-45.

12. (*h*) *Consideration of eligibility of a Foreign Doctor reported to be naturalised in an Indian State.*

Resolved that legal opinion be obtained in the matter.

Capt. H. N. Shivapuri here raised a question as to whether doctors possessing the qualification L.C.P.S. (Calcutta), which has been defunct since some years, were eligible for membership of I.M.A. He explained to the house that the Diploma of L.C.P.S. which was conferred to successful students of a medical school in Calcutta as far back as 1910-11 was a registrable qualification in U.P. and elsewhere in India for a limited period only and it was no longer registrable qualification now. Capt. Shivapuri wanted to know if the holder of such a diploma, if not enrolled on the Register of a Provincial Medical Council, can be admitted as a member of the Association. After considerable discussion it was resolved on the President's casting vote to recommend to the Central Council the eligibility of the holder of the said qualification to be admitted as a member of the Indian Medical Association.

At this stage the President left the meeting with the permission of the members present and Capt. S. K. Chaudhury, the Vice-President, took the chair.

12. (*i*) *Consideration of Scheme and Questionnaire (re. Permanent Location of Headquarters, Whole Time Paid Secretary for the Head Office, full T. A. to Working Committee and Central Council members) if received from the Ex-President:*

It was resolved that the Questionnaire based on the lines suggested in the Scheme be sent out to the persons mentioned in item no. 15 of the proceedings of the meeting of the Working Committee held at Madras on 1-9-44 and subsequently confirmed by the Central Council on 3-9-44.

12. (*j*) *Arrears Central Fund Contribution and the President's circular letter to the defaulting branches to pay up the dues.*

Resolved that the discussion of the matter be postponed to the next meeting of the Working Committee.

APPENDIX

Proceedings of the meeting of the Sub-Committee appointed to formulate a scheme for Sir Nilratan Sircar Memorial Fund, held at the Association Office, 23, Hindusthan Buildings, Calcutta, on the 9th June, 1945:

Members present: Dr. K. S. Ray, Dr. A. N. Ghosh and Capt. P. B. Mukerji.

(1) Resolved that a fund be inaugurated with the donation offered by Dr. A. N. Ghosh as a nucleus and that an appeal be made to the branches and members of the Association and others for contributing liberally to the said fund.

(2) Resolved that an annual oration be delivered at the Annual Session of the All-India Medical Conference every year by an eminent member of the profession or a scientist of repute.

(3) That the lecture should be on a subject bearing upon the science of medicine or its ancillary branches or allied sciences. The lecturer should be paid 1st class railway fare both ways and be awarded a suitable medallion to be called 'Sir Nilratan Sircar Medal'.

(4) That a Sub-Committee consisting of the following members be formed for raising donations to the fund:—

Dr. A. N. Ghosh, Dr. Anil Kumar Sen, Dr. Jitendra Nath Dutt and the Hony. Treasurer, I.M.A.

CHAPRA BRANCH—Annual General Meeting of the Association under Presidentship of Dr. Shivdas Sur, M.B., held on 6-12-44 at the house of Capt. K. L. Saha, M.B., Salempur, P.O. Chapra.

The following office-bearers were elected unanimously.

President—Dr. Shivdas Sur, M.B., *Vice-Presidents*—R.S. Dr. B. Banerjee, R.S. Dr. Ramdhari Singh. *Hony. Secretary*—Capt. K. L. Saha, M.B. *Joint Hony. Secry.*—Dr. L. P. Verma, M.B., B.S. *Representatives to the Provincial Association*—Drs. B. Gupta, G. Paul, B. N. Roy, P. Narayan, M.B.B.S., D. N. Sinha, and Dr. Harihar Nath Saran.

Members of the Executive Committee—President, Vice-President,Honorary Secretary, Joint Hon. Secretary, Dr. H. N. Saran, Dr. Mrs. Banerjee, Dr. B. Gupta, Immediate past President. Immediate past Hon. General Secretary.

BENARES BRANCH—Office-bearers :—President—Capt. S. K. Choudhuri, M.B.E., B.A., M.B. Vice-Presidents—Dr. B. Thungama, F.R.C.S.E. and R. S. Capt. A. P. Misir, I.M.D. (RETD.). Secretaries—Drs. K. P. Tiwari, M.B., B.S. and J. A. Ansari, L.S.M.F. Executive Committee members—Drs. Bhola Nath, M.B., B.S., Ram Kishore, M.B., B.S., P. Roy, M.B., M. A. Nomani, M.B., B.S., D.T.M., and Ganga Singh, M.S.M.F., L.O. Representatives to the Central Council—Capt. S. K. Choudhuri, M.B.E., B.A., M.B. and R. S. Capt. A. P. Misir, I.M.D. (RETD.). Number of members on roll at the beginning of the year—53. Number of members on roll at the end of the year—58. Transfer of members to other branches—Nil. Reduction of members—Resignation 2, Death 1. Number of new members enrolled during the year—8. Amount contributed to Central Fund—Rs. 208-8-0. Number of meetings held: Executive Committee—12, Special meetings—6. Sub-Committee meetings—3. General meetings 12. Clinical Meetings—2. Library—Number of books 2 and periodicals 3 added during the year.

SARGODHA BRANCH—Annual General Meeting held on 9-12-1944 with Capt. Raja Singh, Civil Surgeon in the chair:

Dr. A. N. Gulati, Honorary Secretary for the year 1943-44, read out the annual report, the annual accounts and the accounts of the 14th Punjab Provincial Conference held at Sargodha on 12th November, 1944. The report and the accounts after being checked were adopted.

The folowing office-bearers for the year 1944-45 were elected:—President—Dr. J. S. Gill. Honorary Secretary—Dr. L. N. Taneja. Representative to the Provincial Executive Committee—Drs. L. N. Taneja and Dev Datt Seth. Representative to the Central Council—Dr. J. S. Gill.

BAREILLY BRANCH—Annual Report: The total number of members has reached from 20 to 28.

One special feature of the activities of this branch this year was its contributions towards the Research Fund of the I.M.A. amounting to Rs. 320 and towards the funds required for Medical Relief in North Bihar by the Bihar Provincial Branch of the I.M.A. amounting to Rs. 88. No contributions on behalf of our branch for Bengal Relief could be collected since members had already contributed in their individual capacity through different channels.

Two new foreign journals were subscribed by this branch during this year.

GHAZIPUR BRANCH—The annual meeting was held on 4-10-1944. Nearly all the members attended. The proceedings began with the annual dinner which was arranged by Dr. Shukla Sahib. Secretary read a brief report of the last years working of the Association

RAIPUR BRANCH—Meeting held on 23-11-44 with Dr. Abraham, Civil Surgeon, Raipur, in the chair.

The minutes of the last meeting and accounts of the Association were placed before the house and passed. It was then proposed to hold an annual dinner which was later held at the Town Hall.

MADRAS BRANCH—Meeting held on 20-12-1944 with Lt. Col. T. S. Sastri in the Chair:—

The Secretary placed before the meeting the invitation of the Reception Committee of the 21st All-India Medical Conference to be held at Cawnpore on 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th December. The detailed programme of the same was read.

The following resolutions moved by Dr. U. Krishna Rau was passed unanimously:

That general politics as such should be kept out of the I.M.A.—General politics as differentiated from medical politics which latter is purely in the interest of the medical profession and public health and which is allowed in Associations like the British Medical Association.

The Madras City Branch of the I.M.A. requests the President of the I.M.A. to write immediately to the Madras Government giving them the assurance required, *viz.*, that the I.M.A. will strictly adhere to its own rules and thus keep out general politics.

To request the Provincial Council of the South Indian Provincial Branch of which the Madras City Branch is a constituent unit, to take immediate step to have the above resolution circulated to its other units and to forward majority opinion with reference to the ban imposed by the Madras Government on the I.M.A.

This meeting authorises Col. T. S. Shastri its Representative in the Central Council to move the above resolutions at the Working Committee and Central Council Meeting of the Indian Medical Association to be held at Cawnpore.

"Resolved that the Working Committee of the I.M.A. be requested to permit the Madras Branch of I.M.A. to be made a Provincial Branch as in the case of Bombay and Delhi, and the President of the Madras Branch be authorised to take necessary action to achieve this object."

Clnical meeting—Dr. K. C. Paul gave a lecture on "Diet in the treatment of diseases."

MUTTRA BRANCH—Annual Meeting held on 25-10-44 at the Civil Hospital with Dr. P. N. Mathur in the chair:

Election of office-bearers for 1944-45:—President—Dr. P. N. Mathur. Vice-President—Dr. N. L. Verma, R.S. Hony. Secretary—Dr. K. C. Pathak. Joint Secretary—Dr. Ramji Das Bansal. Representative to Central and Provincial Council—Dr. G. P. Arora.

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Meeting held on 9-11-44 at T. B. Clinic with Dr. P. N. Mathur in the chair:—

Confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting.

Dr. K. C. Pathak was nominated to the Municipal Board as a representative of the branch.

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Meeting held on 27-11-44 with Dr. S. R. Rao in the chair.

A resolution of condolence was passed at the sad death of Dr. Bholanath, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., Municipal Health Officer, Muttra.

It was further resolved to send a copy of the resolution to the family members of Dr. Bhola Nath.

BOMBAY BRANCH—The Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Indian Medical Association, Bombay Branch, was held at 4 p.m. on 17th December, 1944 at G. S. Medical College with Dr. K. K. Dadachanji in the chair. The Hon. Secretary, Dr. S. V. Oak, presented the annual report for 1943-44, in which he mentioned that the Bombay Branch was given a representation on the Bombay Provincial Drug Control Order Advisory Committee. The Branch sent Dr. Chamanlal Mehta to that Committee as its representative. The membership on the roll at the end of the year was 212.

Election of Office-bearers—The following office-bearers and members of the Managing Committee and Representatives to the Central Council were elected.

President—Dr. Chamanlal Mehta. Vice-Presidents—Drs. N. A. Purandare and U. A. Rao. Treasurer—Dr. J. G. Parekh. Jt. Hon. Secretaries—Drs. S. V. Oak, N. P. Shah and N. V. Mody. Members of the Committee—Drs. R. N. Cooper, R. P. Koppikar, H. V. Tilak, S. G. Joshi, B. K. Kothari, D. G. Tendulkar, U. B. Narayan Rao, B. B. Yodh and S. S. Ugrankar.

Representatives to the Central Council—Drs. N. A. Purandare, B. B. Yodh, U. B. Narayan Rao and S. V. Oak.

The Hon. Secretary thanked the Dean of Seth G. S. Medical College and Hon. Auditors, Messrs. Dalal and Shah for their help.

Resolutions passed at the meeting: This Annual General Meeting of the Bombay Medical Association, views with grave concern the rapid spread of epidemics in various Provinces of our Country.

In the wake of mass starvation came the epidemics which took a very heavy toll in Bengal. Today Bengal has become synonymous with epidemics. In Calcutta, the second city of the Empire, this scourge has attached over a million persons.

Bihar has followed suit. By the end of July, 60,000 have died of Cholera alone according to the Provincial Peoples Food Committee. Same has been the fate of Orissa, Kerala and Assam. At a time when the entire people of our country are suffering from malnutrition, the situation may lead to fresh outbreaks in other provinces at any time.

This meeting regrets to note that the Central and Provincial Governments have failed in their duty; (1) Their callous attitude of not taking adequate measures in time and of not giving full co-operation to the voluntary relief organisations. (2) Not declaring Epidemic areas and supplying vital statistics in time and not confirming those supplied by voluntary relief organisations, and at times even blacking-out the news of epidemics.

This meeting, therefore requests the Central Government to immediately form an Emergency Medical Corps staffed adequately, which will be able to rush to any province which is stricken by epidemics.

This meeting requests the I.M.A. to set up an Emergency Committee from amongst the doctors who have organised medical relief in Bengal, which will be able to go to other epidemic-stricken provinces.

This meeting requests the Branches of the I.M.A. in the Famine Stricken provinces to take active part in setting up and working such co-ordinated Emergency Committees by visiting the various relief organisations.

This meeting draws the earnest attention of the Central and Provincial Governments to the acute shortage of Drugs for coping effectively with the Epidemics, for instance of Malaria, for which only about 100 lbs. are allocated by Government, whilst the actual requirements are more than 1,000 lbs. and even Mepacrine is not supplied as a Substitute, in spite of large quantities of tablets available in India, at present. The Medical Relief Organisations or Corps cannot possibly control or eradicate the Epidemics in the absence of Drugs, Vaccines, etc., which it is the inescapable duty of Government to supply, and calls upon Government to take all necessary steps without delay to provide all such requirements.

This Annual Meeting of the Bombay Medical Association supports the resolutions forwarded for the consideration of the 21st Annual Conference by the Managing Committee, regarding Food and Nutrition, Medical Planning, and Pharmaceutical Industrialisation of India, and requests the Conference to take necessary steps in the matter.

NORTH HOWRAH BRANCH—Annual Report 1943-44: This association had 8 members and 4 more members were enlisted in the beginning of the new session 1944-45.

Howrah Branch held the 6th Provincial Conference with great success at the Ripon Colltgiate School, Howrah, in the month of November, 1944.

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The General meeting was held on Sunday the 10th Dec., 1944 at 4-30 p.m. with Dr. M. C. Chatterjee in the chair:

The following office-bearers were elected for the next session.

President—Dr. Malin Chandra Chatterjee. *Vice-Presidents*—Drs. Jibananda Mukherjee, Gourmohan Choulay. *Ji.-Secrtaries*—Drs. Bidhu Bhusan Mukherjee, R. Pal Chowdhary. *Asst. Secretaries*—Drs. Satchidananda Mukherjee, G. Majhi.

Following members of Executive Committee in addition to the office-bearers were elected with powers to co-opt two more members.

1. Dr. Bibhuty Bhusan Lahori. 2. Dr. Debendranath Datta. 3. Dr. J. K. Roy. 4. Dr. N. K. Chakravertty.

The Secretary's report was recorded. Dr. Jibananda Mukherjee was elected Treasurer for the next session.

SOUTH INDIA PROVINCIAL BRANCH—Quarterly meeting of the Provincial Council held at Madras on 5-5-45 with Rao Bahadur Dr. T. S. Tirumurthy, the President, in the chair:

The letter from Dr. M. V. Natesan to the President requesting to be relieved of the office of Secretary was read to the members.

The Council while regretfully accepting the resignation of Dr. M. V. Natesan placed on record its deep sense of appreciation of the services rendered to the branch by him.

Dr. P. A. S. Raghavan was elected as Secretary, and Treasurer of the S.I.P.B. and that he was authorised to transfer the savings bank account of the association in the Indian Bank Madura office, to the Indian Bank Trichnopoly office and operate account.

Ref: Lifting of the Ban imposed by the Government of Madras.

Resolved that the Secretary do enlist the co-operation of the constituent branches for intensifying our usual membership campaign.

The Council discussed several suggestions brought forward by members for ensuring quick and efficient working of the branch. Of these, the idea of opening a central office was deferred. Setting up of a convention that the President and the Secretary shall be elected from the members of the same local branch was not considered of much help.

Resolved that in order to induce more members to attend the meetings of the Provincial Council the Local branches be requested to bear the travelling expenses of their representatives to and from the place of meetings of the Provincial Council.

Resolved that the first Provincial Conference under the auspices of the South Indian Provincial Branch be held at Coimbatore and that the Secretary be requested to take necessary steps in consultation with the Coimbatore Branch.

Col. Shastry informed the Council that at the last meeting of the working committee held at Calcutta, he offered to tour the states of Mysore, Cochin and Travancore to enlist the medical association in those states as branches of the I.M.A. and that the I.M.A. has accepted the offer and agreed to bear the expenses of that propaganda tour.

Resolved that the Council welcomes the kind offer of Col. Shastry and thanks the I.M.A., Central, for its agreeing to bear the expenses of the tour. Further resolved that with a view to supplement this propaganda, the President be authorised to select the personnel and draw up a tour programme for forming branches of the I.M.A. in the British Indian districts of South India where there are none at present and bring that proposal before the next meeting of the council for sanctioning the expenses in connection with that.

BARABANKI BRANCH—Annual Report for 1943-44:

Five meetings were held during the period under review. Number of members increased from 10 to 13.

It was resolved in the meeting held on 4-4-44 that a subscription list for Bengal Relief Fund be opened and a sum of Rs. 50/- was remitted to the General Secretary I.M.A. Calcutta for the benefit of the distressed in Bengal.

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Meeting held on 23-10-44 with Capt. U. Sinha Gupta, B.SC., M.B.B.S., President of the Association, in the chair:

Election of the Office-bearers for 1944-45:

President—Capt. U. Sinha Gupta. *Vice-President*—Dr. R. E. Siddiqi. *Secretary*—Dr. H. S. Singhal. *Representative to the Central Council*—Capt. U. Sinha Gupta. *Representative to the Provincial Council*—Dr. H. S. Singhal.

The President, Capt. U. Sinha Gupta, exorted the members, in a short speech, to enrol more members from amongst the Medical Officers of the moffusil dispensaries in the district. He stressed that facilities should be provided for sending them medical journals as often as possible and to make the meetings more attractive by reading scientific papers. The Medical Officer I/c. District Hospital, Barabanki was requested to put up clinical cases in the meeting.

MEERUT BRANCH—Annual General meeting held on 12-10-44 with Dr. Bhupal Singh, President, in the chair:

The following office-bearers were elected:

President—Dr. Bhupal Singh. *Hony. General Secretary*—Dr. S. B. Vyas. *Hony. Joint Secretary*—Dr. Maya Prakash. *Hony. Financial Secretary*—Dr. A. S. Maheswari. *Executive Committee*—Drs. J. L. Caroli, O. P. Goel, S. N. Banerji, Pryag Chandra and B. K. Chatterjee. *Representatives to the Central Council*—Dr. J. L. Caroli and Dr. Suraj Bal. *Representatives to the Provincial Council*—Drs. A. S. Maheswari, B. K.

Chatterjee, Prayag Chandra. *Member to T. B. Clinic Committee at L. P. Hospital*—Dr. S. N. Banerji.

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General meeting of the Meerut Medical Association held on 25-11-1944 with Dr. Bhupal Singh, President, in the chair:

Resolved that the members of the Meerut Medical Association assembled in a general meeting express their deep sense of sorrow at the sad and untimely passing away of an old member the late Dr. Pryag Chandra Mithal and convey their sincere condolence to the members of his family in their sad bereavement.

The meeting was adjourned for 5 minutes as a mark of respect for the deceased.

The Branch decided not to invite the 22nd All-India Medical Conference to Meerut.

SAMASTIPUR BRANCH—Annual General meeting held on 7-11-44 at 5 p.m. at the residence of the Hony. Secretary with Dr. J. N. Mehrutra in the chair:

Dr. R. P. Ghose, (Rai Bahadur) was elected president. Dr. B. N. Sinha, Vice-President and Dr. A. K. Sarkar, General Secretary and Treasurer.

Executive Committee was formed by 1. Civil Asst. Surgeon. 2. Dr. D. Dayal. 3. Dr. D. R. Jadave. 4. B. K. Mitra. 5. Dr. R. S. Thakur (Narhan). 6. Dr. M. Sinha (Tajpur). 7. Dr. S. Salimuddin.

Resolved—1. In view of the seriously epidemic situation, the authorities be moved to sanction at least 10 gallons of Petrol (Supplementary Coupons) per month to Medical Practitioners possessing cars. Further resolved that the Authorities be moved to sanction monthly quota of two tyres and four tubes for doctors owning cars. The recommendation for the supply of tyres and tubes be sent through the Samastipur Branch of Indian Medical Association.

2. That the Civil Surgeon, Darbhanga, be requested to recommend to Government for supply of moderate quantity of Quinine Sulph to Medical Practitioners for special cases where its substitutes are contraindicated.

3. Considering the present epidemic situation in Samastipur sub-division, it is resolved that the Government be informed that the members of this association are willing to co-operate with the Government for the relief work, provided necessary facilities are given to them.

SEWAN BRANCH—Meeting held on 11-11-44 in the premises of Dr. M. Hasan:

A petition to the Civil Surgeon, Saran, on behalf of the association for the supply of Quinine or Mepacrine was decided upon.

Resolved to bring to the notice of the Provincial Government that many unqualified men who are not registered doctors have been allowed purchasing retailer license who have started dispensaries after 1941 against the definite injunction of a definite clause in the Drugs Control Order of 1943. A copy of the resolution be sent to the local Sub-Divisional officer and to the Civil Surgeon for their consideration and executive action.

Considered letter no. C-39 dated 16-9-44 of Hony. General Secretary I.M.A. Calcutta re: amendment of Rule 10A(*b*) and resolved that the amendment proposed by the Bengal Provincial Branch be made.

Considered letter no. C-40 dated 16-9-44 re: deletion of the last sentence of para I of rule 17-c and resolved that the sentence be written off.

Resolved unanimously that the suggestions made by the Bombay Medical Association, Bombay Branch, for improving the study of medicine in the Indian Universities and conduct of examination for M.B.B.S. be supported.

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Annual general meeting held on 27-1-45 with Dr. M. Hassan in the chair:

Office bearers for the year 1944-45 were elected as follows:

President—Dr. H. Hassan. *Secretary*—Dr. Kali Prasad. *Auditor and Treasurer*—Dr. A. Rahman.

Resolved that in response to the appeal issued by the Hony. General Secretary, I.M.A. Calcutta in letter no. C/8/44-45 dated 16-1-45, it is hereby resolved that the members of this association be requested to contribute and help to swell the fund started for helping dependants of Dr. T. Wells, M.B.B.S. of Poona as much as possible.

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Meeting held on 28-4-45:

The Branch resolved unanimously to depute Dr. L. K. Chatterjee to acquaint the sub-divisional officer, Sewan, with the real state of quackery practice by so called unregistered doctors in Sewan Town and mofussil areas and to advise him to eradicate quackery as much as possible.

ARAMBAGH BRANCH—Meeting held on 10-11-44:

The following resolutions were passed—

1. Resolved that a branch of the Indian Medical Association be opened at Arambagh with all the registered medical practitioners of the Arambagh Sub-division for the upliftment of the scientific knowledge of the practitioners of this profession.

2. Resolved that this branch be named as the Arambagh Branch of the Indian Medical Association.

3. The following were elected office-bearers for the period upto September, 1945:

President—Dr. Pravakar Mukhopadhyay. *Secretary*—Dr. Ramratan Kundu. *Treasurer*—Dr. Haripada Mondol.

4. Resolved that the present office be located in the house of the Secretary.

5. Resolved that an annual subscription of Rs. 6/- be collected from each member and a subscription at the rate of Rs. 3/8/- be sent to the Provincial office for the recognition of this branch.

6. Resolved that a true copy of the proceedings of this meeting be sent to Hony. Secretary of the Provincial Branch for his kind perusal.

CALCUTTA BRANCH—Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 6-2-45 with Dr. K. K. Sen Gupta in the chair:

A sub-committee consisting of the following members was formed to go into the question of the present Small-pox epidemic *vis-a-vis* Vaccination:—

1. Prof. B. N. Ghosh. 2. Dr. Anil Kumar Sen. 3. Dr. C. C. Basu. 4. Dr. H. Ghosh. 5. Dr. B. B. Sen. 6. Lt. Col. J. C. De. 7. Dr. T. N. Ghosh. 8. Dr. Banbehari Banerjea (Convener). 9. Dr. K. K. Sen Gupta.

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Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 6-3-45 with Dr. K. K. Sen Gupta in the chair:

Re: Letter No. 11—the resolution of the Working Committee passed on 25-12-44 and subsequently confirmed by the Central Council on 27-12-44 recommending ex-officio membership of the Central Council for all members of the Working Committee nominated by the President, was considered. The Committee unanimously decided to record its emphatic protest against the proposal stated above. Further, in the opinion of the Committee the suggested proposal in the letter to assume that the branches failing to send their opinions were in favour of the Working Committee's resolution, is not only totally unjustified but is also against all legal, logical and democratic concepts, if at all, the uncast votes of branches should be utilised to give weightage to the maintenance of the status quo. The Committee is further of opinion that under the existing rules the effect of making alterations suggested by the Working Committee would amount to entitling the President to nominate unlimited number of members to the Central Council.

A letter dated 23-2-45 from the Secretary, Indian Radiological Association, Calcutta, was considered.

The Committee approved the proposal of sending the notices of clinical meetings of the above body together with notices of this Association.

A letter dated 3-3-45 from Dr. Samar Rai Choudhury forwarding a copy of the report of work done by the Anti-Small Pox Joint Committee, was placed before the meeting.

Resolved that the report be recorded.

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Executive Committee meeting held on 3-4-45 with Dr. K. K. Sen Gupta in the chair:

Before proceeding with the ordinary business of the meeting, the Chairman moved the following resolution which was passed, all the members standing:—

"Resolved that this meeting of the Executive Committee of the Indian Medical Association, Calcutta Branch, records its deep sense of sorrow at the sad and unitimely death of Mr. Kanupriya Basu, a final year medical student and son of Dr. Indubhusan Basu, M.D., and offers its heart-felt sympathy to

Dr. Basu and other members of his family in their irreparable loss."

Resolved further that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to Dr. I. B. Basu, M.D.

The reports of the Library, Social & Sports, and of the sub-committee appointed to go into the question of the present Small-pox epidemic in Calcutta *vis-a-vis* Vaccination, were read.

The reports of the Library and the Small-pox Epidemic sub-committees were approved.

The question of taking over the affairs of the Doctors' Amusement Club by the Association was discussed at some length. The Committee welcomed the idea but as no definite details were available, the Secretary was asked to continue discussions with the Secretary, Doctors' Amusement Club.

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Executive Committee meeting held on 1-5-45, with Dr. K. K. Sen Gupta in the chair:

A letter dated 12-4-45 from Dr. Ramprosad Chakraborty, House Surgeon, Medical College Hospitals, Calcutta, was considered.

Resolved that a copy of his complaint be forwarded to the authorities concerned with a request to enquire into the matter and take steps to preclude the possibility of such happenings in future.

Resolutions passed at the last All-India Medical Conference held at Cawnpore in December last were placed before the meeting and were referred to the Medico-Political Sub-Committee for necessary action.

A letter dated 30-4-45 from Dr. Samar Rai Chowdhury re: epidemic situation in Calcutta and the role of the I.M.A. was discussed.

After some discussion, it was decided to form a Health Service Sub-Committee with the following members, with powers to co-opt, to deal with matters affecting the health of the people of Calcutta:

Lt. Col. J. C. De, Drs. J. C. Banerjea, B. Banerjea, B. Bagchi, Naresh Banerjee, Salil Datta, Sunil Datta, Jyotirmoy Majumdar, K. K. Sen Gupta (President), R. Sinha (Asst. Secretary) and Samar Rai Choudhury, *Convener*.

KISHANGANJ BRANCH—Report for the half year ending 31-3-45:

Members on roll on 1st Oct. 1944—22.

Office-bearers: *President*—Dr. S. Kumar. *Secretary*—Dr. N. G. Das. *Members*—Drs. B. Basu; S. C. Ghose; L. N. Lall, G. L. Ghosh, Mrs. K. Bose, G. C. Kundu, K. M. Mondal, *Auditor*—Dr. B. Basu.

Representative to Central Council—Dr. S. Kumar.

Representatives to Provincial Council—Dr. L. N. Lall and Dr. N. G. Das.

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Meeting of the Executive Committee held on 16-6-45.

Resolved that Rs. 20|- be sent to the Secretary I.M.A. towards Late Dr. T. Well's Relief Fund.

The branch nominated the President and Vice-Presidents of the Bihar Provincial Branch for the year 1945-46.

BERHAMPORE (GANJAM) BRANCH—At the meetings held on 9-12-44 and on 11-12-44 respectively, with Dr. P. Rajeswara Rao in the chair, the following resolutions were unanimously passed:

(1) The minutes of the last meetings were read and confirmed.

(2) Thanking the Government for the nomination of our president, Dr. P. Rajeswara Rao on the Provincial Drugs Advisory Committee, this Association requests the Government to give in future the right of election to represent the Association by one of its members in the Provincial Drugs Advisory Committee.

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Annual meeting held on 18-2-45.

Among the most prominent people that attended the function, was Dr. P. Gurumurty of Rajahmundry, the President of the Andhra Provincial Branch who visited Berhampore in connection with the opening of a Base Hospital at Naupada, North Vizag District, on 22-2-45 to give medical aid to the destitutes of that locality.

The Secretary read the annual report touching on several current medical problems. He suggested that the election of the office-bearers of this Association should be held at the end of the annual function (as was done previously), instead of doing it somewhere in the middle of the year.

He recalled to the minds of the members, the sad demise of Dr. B. S. Patnaik, an old medical practitioner of this place. He stated that the number of members now on rolls was eleven, and six business meetings were convened during the year and that its financial position was quite satisfactory. When the Government asked the Association to help them in connection with the recruitment of officers for the I.A.M.C., this Association immediately passed and communicated a resolution to the Government stating their whole-hearted willingness to cooperate with the Government for the same purpose. He eulogised the Orissa Government for their consideration in setting apart six seats in the Orissa Medical College for the students that go from South Orissa to study for medicine. While thanking the Government for having nominated the President of this Association to be a member of the Orissa Provincial Drugs Advisory Committee, this Association requested the Government to give them the choice of sending one of their members to sit in the above said committee out of proper representation instead of nomination, as almost all the private practitioners of this place belonged to this Association. He also thanked the Government for supplying rare drugs like quinine and Mepacrine, and rationed articles like sugar and kesosene to the members of the Association.

After this, Dr. Gurumurty talked, and in his speech, while thanking the Association for having invited him to the function, expressed his gratification to note the united front and cordiality among the practitioners. After narrating the various activities of the I.M.A., asked all the members to observe the high morale and standard of the profession.

In the end, the President closed the proceedings with a vote of thanks to the chief guest, Dr. P. Gurumurty."

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Meeting held on 31-5-45 with Dr. P. Rajeswararao in the chair:

The branch resolved to welcome new members.

Resolved to agree for a reasonable enhancement of the Central Fund contribution, in order to meet the T. A. for the representatives of the Central Council, by the Head Office.

While thanking the Government of Orissa for having permitted the Berhampur Branch of the I.M.A., in their letter No. 13110 S.T., dated Cuttack the 26th of May 1945, to send one of its members as a representative to the Orissa Provincial Drugs Advisory Committee, this Association resolved to elect Dr. M. V. Ramanayya to represent the Association.

Resolved to elect Dr. B. V. Narsimham as President, Dr. M. V. Ramanayya as Secretary and Representative to the Central Council of the I.M.A., and Dr. P. Rajeswararao as a member of the Executive Committee for the current year.

JAIPUR BRANCH—Special meeting held on 27-1-45 in the Lady Willingdon Hospital to meet Sir C. V. Raman, with Dr. R. E. Heilig, the President in the chair.

The subject of the talk was 'Biological effects of x'ray irradiation', which was very interesting and informative.

After the lecture the President warmly thanked the learned speaker who was then taken round the hospital and the x'ray department.

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Meeting of the Executive Council held on the 6-2-45 at the Lady Willingdon Hospital, Jaipur, with President Dr. R. E. Heilig in the Chair:

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved that the Jaipur Government be approached by the Jaipur Medical Association to give adequate remuneration in addition to the usual travelling allowances to the private medical practitioners when they are called upon to give technical evidence in the Law Courts.

Resolved that in view of the fact that the students of Jaipur State find it extremely difficult to get admission in the Medical Colleges, on the grounds of provincialism, the Jaipur Medical Association (Branch of the I.M.A.) requests the Government of Jaipur to establish a medical college in Jaipur to provide medical education to the students of Jaipur and neighbouring States.

Resolved that the Director of Medical Services may be

approached to kindly grant permission to attend the Clinical Meetings without formally applying for it to those medical officers, who could come to Jaipur and return to their headquarters, the same afternoon (*e.g.* Sanganer and Amber).

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Clinical meeting held on 8-2-45 at the Lady Willingdon Hospital with Vice-Patron, Dr. J. F. Robinson, Director of Medical Services, in the chair:

Dr. R. E. Heilig informed the house of the decisions arrived at the meeting of the Executive Council held on 6th February '45, regarding the following Social Functions. He then requested Dr. S. K. Sen, M.B., T.D.D., (Wales), Tuberculosis Officer and Physician K. G. Tuberculosis Sanatorium, Jaipur, to deliver his lecture on "Early diagnosis of Pulmonary Tuberculosis with special reference to the types of cases found in Rajputana."

The following clinical cases were then demonstrated:—

1. Cancer of the œsophagus, treated and improved by deep ray therapy by Dr. S. Dayal, M.B.B.S.
2. Chronic amœbic hepatitis and acute malaria under the picture of renal colic by Dr. R. E. Heilig.
3. Polycystic kidney with post-mortem report by Dr. R. E. Heilig.
4. Acute dilatation of the heart (following twin pregnancy) by Dr. Manohar Lal.
5. Retinitis Pigmentosa by Dr. J. P. Taunk.

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Special meeting held on 16-2-45 with Dr. R. E. Heilig in the chair:

Dr. H. G. D. Mathur, B.SC., M.B.B.S., M.R.C.P. D.P.H., & M.P.H., Professor of the State Medicine, Lucknow University, and Head of the Provincial Hygiene Institute, Lucknow, gave a talk on 'Trends in Medical Relief Organization'.

A Public Health film on "Our War Aims" brought by Dr. Mathur from his institute was shown at the Man Prakash Talkies to the members of the Jaipur Medical Association.

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On the completion of the first year of the Jaipur Medical Association its annual function was celebrated on 3rd and 4th March 1945. All the mofussil members were invited to attend. The Director of Medical Services was very kind to permit some of the district medical officers to leave their stations to attend the function. All those doctors who were not members of I.M.A. were invited.

(1) *Clinical Meeting*

A clinical meeting was held on 3-3-45 at 4 p.m. in the Lady Willingdon Hospital with Dr. R. E. Heilig in the chair:

Dr. J. F. Robinson, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., F.A.C.S., Director of Medical Services and Vice-Patron of Jaipur Medical Association was then requested by the chair to give a talk to the house on Diagnosis of Acute Appendicitis.

President, Dr. R. E. Heilig, M.D., M.R.C.P., then delivered his lecture on 'Malaria in Disguise'. It was followed by a lecture by Dr. J. P. Taunk, M.B., D.O.M.S., Ophthalimic Surgeon, on 'Recurrent Conjunctivitis' which he illustrated with diagrams, pictures and slides.

(2) *Demonstration of Scientific Films*

On 4-3-45 the following films were demonstrated at 11 a.m. at the Man Prakash Talkies, Jaipur. These films were sent for by Dr. S. N. Consul, the Director of Public Health from M/s Burmah Shell, New Delhi.

1. Turn of the Furrow. 2. Early Days. 3. Malaria. 4. Kerosine Tin. 5. Vital Service.

All the members of the Medical profession, of Nursing and Compounding staff were invited.

(3) *At Home & Photograph*

On 4-3-45 a Tea Party was arranged in which members were at home to all those members of the medical profession who were not members of Jaipur Medical Association. Dr. M. Atal (who led the Indian Medical Mission to China was on a visit to Jaipur), was the guest of honour. Dr. R. E. Heilig welcomed Major Gur Bux Singh, who had recently returned from field service, with so many honours of which the whole of the medical profession was proud. Dr. Atal described some very interesting facts and incidents which he experienced during the course of his work in China.

Before the At Home a photograph was taken by the Information Bureau, Government of Jaipur.

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A Clinical meeting was held on 13-4-45 at the Lady Willingdon Hospital with President Dr. R. E. Heilig in the chair:

The following resolution was moved by the President and passed:

"Resolved that the Jaipur Medical Association (Branch of Indian Medical Association) congratulates Dr. P. D. Mathur, M.B.B.S. on the occasion of his proceeding to America for higher studies in surgery at the expense of Government of Jaipur."

Dr. S. N. Consul, D.P.H., Director of Public Health delivered a lecture on "Widal Test and its Clinical Application."

Dr. S. K. Sen, Tuberculosis Officer, briefly described to the house the working of the All-India Tuberculosis Workers' Conference which he had recently visited and also referred to the activities of the Tuberculosis Association of India.

The following cases were then demonstrated:

(1) A case of lung abscess cured by arsenic therapy (N.A.B.) by Dr. Raj Narain.

(2) Allergy of the lung by Dr. Heilig.

(3) Sub-conjunctival hæmorrhage after coughing in a child by Dr. J. P. Taunk.

CHINGLEPUT DT. BRANCH—General meeting held on 17-3-45:

Read Circular P No. 55-E-1 dated 7th March 1945 of the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras notifying Removal of Ban *vide* G. O. No. 529-P. H.

Office-bearers for the year 1945: President—Capt. G. S. Tampi, M.B.B.S. Vice-President—Dr. P. S. Srinivasan. Secretary & Treasurer—Dr. R. V. Varadarajan. Members of the Executive Committee—Drs. C. S. Mohan Rangam, Miss Sarada Bai, A. Sundararaja Rao and P. K. Varugheese. Representative to the Central Council—Dr. P. S. Srenivasan, Conjeeveram.

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General Meeting held on 21-4-45.

Dr. K. Vittal Doss Pai, M.B.B.S. was elected a member of the Executive Committee in addition.

The following three members were elected to represent the association in the Provincial Committee (South Indian Branch of the Indian Medical Association). Drs. K. Vittal Doss Pai, A. Sundararaja Rao and Rajamanickkam.

The following amendment to rule 9 of the rules of the association regarding subscription for membership was passed unanimously.

The subscription be raised to Rs. 9|8|- (Rupees nine & annas eight only) per year, Rs. 3|8|- being towards Central fund contribution which should be paid in advance and Rs. 6|- towards subscription of the branch to be paid in two instalments.

ALLAHABAD BRANCH—The last General Meeting of the A.M.A. was held on 2-3-44:

During the year under report our membership remained stationary at 57 as against the same number in the previous year. Only Dr. M. U. Khan, M.D., Eye Hospital, joined the Association and Dr. K. . Mathur left on account of his transfer.

Two meetings of the Executive Committee were held as against five of the previous year.

Nine meetings of the General Body as against 11 of the preceding year were held. Of these one was a business meeting, two were connected with the problems of Bengal Food Crisis and Medical Relief. The notable speakers during the year were Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, Dr. R. Ahmed (Principal, Calcutta Dental College), Dr. Sundar Rao of Tropical School of Medicine and Dr. S. N. Mathur, Reader in Surgery, King George Medical College, Lucknow. In two of the Scientific Meetings discussions on Epidemic Dropsy or Beri-beri and Enteric Group of Fevers were initiated by Drs. S. Mukerjee and H. K. Rustogi, our members respectively and also a paper by Dr. Mrs. S. Majumdar, F.R.C.S. on Caesarean Section with a summary of 100 case reports.

Rai Bahadur Dr. Jairaj Behari, Drs. A. A. Khan, M. L. Kakkar, S. N. Basu were at home to the members and guests of the Association at the General meetings. Dr. R. N. Mallik a popular local dental practitioner was at home to the Association.

In connection with the medical relief for Bengal a Citizens Committee was formed through the efforts of Dr. J. Kar and others and our President & Secretary were elected, President

and Secretary of the said Committee and through this Association a sum of Rs. 414|- voluntarily contributed by our members was sent to the said committee.

Office-bearers for 1944-45: *President*—Rai Bahadur Dr. Jairaj Behari, *Vice-Presidents*—Rai Saheb Dr. Brijraj Kishore, Dr, Mrs. Grace, E. Barar, *General Secretary*—Dr. S. N. Basu, *Recording Secretary*—Dr. M. L. Kakkar, *Treasurer*—Dr. K. P. Srivastava, *Librarian*—Dr. H. K. Rustogi, *Executive Committee*—Drs. Mohd. Hassan, B. B. Srivastava and S. K. Mukerjee.

Representatives to the Central Council—Dr. H. K. Rustogi and Dr. Mrs. Grace E. Barar.

Representatives to the Provincial Council—Rai Saheb Dr. Brijraj Kishore, Dr. Pran Nath Gupta and Dr. B. B. Srivastava.

TARN-TARAN BRANCH—A meeting of the medical profession of Tarn-Taran was called on 14-1-45 to meet the Provincial Secretary of the I.M.A.

A paper on Diagnosis of Syphilis was read by Dr. Shorey of Amritsar. Dr. Chuni Lal Bhatia of Amritsar explained the objects of the meeting and stressed on the desirability of forming a branch. All agreed to the proposal. All the members were entertained to tea by Dr. Palaram.

JESSORE BRANCH—Resolution adopted at a meeting held on 7-4-45:

The members of the Indian Medical Association Jessore Branch assembled in a meeting place on record their profound sorrow at the sad demise of Dr. Surendra Nath Chatterjee (Senior) leader of the Medical profession in Jessore whose mastery over the medical science is a bye-word in this district, who had left his foot-prints in almost every house in this town, whose courage of conviction, straightforwardness, self-reliance, steadfast loyalty to the School of Medicine he had the honour to belong and whose sincere and virile activities for the amelioration of the condition of the medical profession in Jessore are well known. The hyatus caused by his death would take a long time to fill up.

The members of the Indian Medical Association, Jessore branch offer their heartfelt condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

Copy of the resolution be sent to Dr. Narendra Nath Chatterjee, M.B., the eldest son of the deceased and to the press.

NOWSHERA BRANCH—The idea of linking together all the Medical Practitioners at Nowshera was given a practical shape early in July 1943. A preliminary meeting provisionally elected office-bearers and bade adieu to Dr. Goswami on 14-7-43. All the medical practitioners assembled in the C. G. Hospital Nowshera and there and then the following gentlemen were confirmed in their respective offices.

President—Dr. Thakur Dass Vaid.

Secretary—Dr. P. R. Chhibber.

Asstt. Secretary—Dr. (Miss) S. U. Khitab.

Cashier—Dr. G. S. Saigal.

The aims of the Association as laid down in the minutes of the meeting held on 14-7-43 were (*i*) to promote brotherhood amongst the members of the medical profession and (*ii*) advancement of medical science.

To accomplish these aims it was decided to meet every fortnight and to have a paper on some subject relating to Health or Medicine read by some member.

By and by the question of affiliation with the I.M.A. was taken up and it was resolved to effect this affiliation on 10-3-44.

Major K. L. Jetly I.M.S. demonstrated 2 cases, in detail, of Skin Diseases on 15-8-43 and Dr. P. R. Chhibber read a paper on Scorpion Sting and its Treatment on 10-3-44.

ANDHRA PROVINCIAL BRANCH—The Annual Meeting of the Provincial Council, held at Guntur on 29-10-44 with Dr. K. Chalapatirao Naidu of Bezwada in the chair:

Resolved to express deep regret and condolences of the Council on the untimely death of Dr. K. V. Krishnarao, M.B.B.S., Tenali and Dr. P. V. Krishnarao, M.B.B.S., F.I.M., Principal of the Indian Medical School, Madras. Passed all standing.

The following were elected office-bearers for 1944-45:

President—Dr. P. Gurumoorthy, Rahahmundry; *Vice-Presidents*—Dr. V. Venkataratnam, Ellore; Dr. V. V. Chetti, Vizagapatam, and Dr. T. Chidanandam, Guntur.

Resolved that the Annual Report of the Secretary and the Statement of the Audited Accounts for 1943-44 be recommended to the General Body.

Resolved to confirm the formation of the branches at Ongole, Tenali and Bhimavaram and Honorary Provincial Secretary be authorised to open branches at all places possible including Madras, in Andhra Districts.

Fomation of the Working ommittee under Rule 12 (*e*)

(*a*) Resolved to alter the Rule 13 of the Provincial Branch as follows regarding composition of the W. C., subject to approval of the next president.

Members of the W.C.:—

(1) President, (2) President of the past year, (3) Honorary Provincial Secretary (4) Three Members nominated by the President, (5) The President may coopt additional members on special occasions or otherwise.

(*b*) Quorum for the meetings shall be three.

(*c*) Travelling allowance to Members attending the Meetings be paid to and fro inter class fare from the funds of the Provincial Branch.

(*d*) Resolved to recommend to the President-elect to form the Working Committee.

Resolved that the Hony. General Secretary of the I.M.A. Calcutta be requested to remit the Andhra Provincial quota due for the 1943-44 immediately and also be requested to make quarterly remittances of the quota in future.

The Madras Government be requested to lift the Ban soon on their Medical Officers prohibiting them from being members of the Indian Medical Association or its Branch Associations.

Read letter from the Hony. General Secretary Calcutta, enclosing questionnaire of the Drugs Technical Advisory Board and Indian Pharmacopoeial List Committee, New Delhi.

(*a*) Resolved that all the Drugs proposed in clauses II and III be included, as we consider them to be of sufficient medicinal value to justify inclusion.

(*b*) Regarding the other clauses of the questionnaire this Council requests to allow at least three months time to enable to investigate and make a detailed report as asked for.

Resolved to request the I.M.A. to provide a further sum of Rs. 350|- for propaganda work to run membership drive effectively throughout the Andhra Desa by batches.

This Council of the Andhra Provincial Branch of the I. M. A. is of opinion that Dr. G. V. Hanumantharao, L.O., L.M.P. (MADRAS), L.C.P.S. (BOM.), Member of the Working Committee of the I. M. A. Hony. Provincial Secretary of the Andhra Provincial Branch of the I. M. A. and Member of the Provincial Drug Advisory Commitee to be eminently fit to serve on the Provincial Medical Resettlement Committee and that the Surgeon General with the Government of Madras is requested to suggest his name to Government for nomination to the said Committee as a non-official member.

This Council of the Andhra Provincial Branch of the I. M. A. resolves to urge on the Government the need and desirability of early arrangements being made in Andhra Medical College to admit 100 students every year.

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Meeting of the Council held on 13-4-45 at Dr. M. Seshacharlu's Hospital at Masulipatam with Dr. P. Gurumurti in the chair:

Read Dr. P. V. Chowdary's letter requesting adjournment of the meeting to 6 p.m.

In view of the engagements in the evening after the business meeting it is regretted that the meeting could not be adjourned.

Confirmation of the minutes of the last two meetings. Confirmed after going through the relevant information.

Membership drive: A general exchange of views regarding the problem of membership drive was made. The Secretary and President in the course of their special tours for membership drive and also in the course of tours on N. Vizag medical relief work and general propaganda work, had enlisted members wherever possible, apart from the enlistments made by local branches. In the case of enlistment of individual members by the President, the application forms and subscription collected were handed over to the local secretary if he was available on the spot. In other cases, he forwarded the application forms and subscription to the Provincial Branch

Office. The Hony. Provincial Secretary as a routine remitted Rs. 3-8 as C.F.C to the Calcutta Office, I.M.A., and the balance of subscription to the local Branch Secretary in the area of which the enlistment was made with a request that the application form after formal enrolment may be forwarded to the Calcutta Office. This was done in accordance with resolution X adopted by the Provincial Council at its meeting on 16-1-44 (and duly circulated to the branches) and to avoid delay and save M.O. charges to some extent.

Resolution No. X—(a) "It is resolved that the constituent branches of the A.P.B., I.M.A., be requested to forward their central fund contribution including the quota of the provincial branch, the total sum amounting Rs. 3-8-0 per year for a member direct to Calcutta and the fact of such remittances shall be notified to the Andhra Provincial Branch office. This rule shall be strictly observed by the branches regarding all the old members on their roles in particular.

(*b*) Regarding new admissions, forms of applications duly filled in shall be forwarded to the I.M.A., Calcutta through the A.P.B., only, along with the necessary C.F.C."

In the case of enlistment of Dr. D. V. Apparao, L.M.S., of Bapatla by the President when he visited Bapatla, the same procedure was followed. Dr. G. V. Hanumantharao, Secretary of the Guntur Dt. Branch, I.M.A., however objected to this and insisted that Rs. 3-8-0 central fund contribution should not be sent to Calcutta by the Provincial Branch Office, and that it should be sent to his branch only even after the above resolution was pointed out to him. Dr. Hanumantharao took the following stand in his letter d./10-2-45. "The provincial Branch can pass a resolution but cannot enforce it on any branch unless the latter accepts it..... You cannot make your provincial resolution a mandatory one against any branch".....inspite of the fact that the above resolution was adopted by the Provincial Council, when he himself was the Provincial Secretary.

The Hony. Provincial Secretary remitted the Central fund contribution of Dr. D. V. Apparao to the Calcutta office after submitting the point to the President. The relevant correspondence was read and the following resolution was passed.

"The course adopted by the Secretary regarding Dr. D. V. Apparao's membership is quite proper and regular. The Branches may be informed that the rules of the Branches should not be in conflict with the rules or resolutions adopted by the A. P. Branch."

With reference to the Membership drive, the copy of letter of 13-3-45 No. 652 (11/44-45) from the Calcutta Office, forwarded by Dr. G. V. Hanumantharao to the Provincial Secretary and received by him on 8-4-45 appointing Dr. G. V. Hanumantharao on a propaganda tour in the south for enlisting members, was placed before the Council;

Read the letter of 13-3-45 (*vide* above reference).

It is regretted that the I.M.A., Calcutta has chosen to appoint a member of its Working Committee for enlistment of new members and formation of new branches without consulting the Andhra Provincial Branch, while the Branch and its President and Secretary have been strenuously at this work during the last four months. This council requests the I.M.A., Calcutta, that the amount sanctioned for the purpose may be put at the disposal of the Andhra Provincial Branch, I.M.A., for propaganda and enlistment work.

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Secretary's Report of North Vizag Medical Relief Work:

The camp hospital at Naupada was started on 22-2-45. During the period ending with 31-3-45, Dr. P. Gurumurti was in charge of the hospital. Dr. M. V. Krishnamachary, M.B.B.S., was appointed with effect from 30-2-45. The total number of out-patients treated during the period was 1500. During this period 7 in-patients were treated. Malaria is recurring largely. Anæmia, due to malaria and malnutrition is widely prevalent. Focal infections, scabies and tropical ulcers are in evidence all over. We were able to depute our volunteers to 14 villages around Naupada distributing medicines and carrying on health propaganda and advising seriously sick people to get admitted into the hospital.

I am very happy to place on record our appreciation of the good work wone by 6 volunteers in the absence of a compounder and ordinary amenities of life, etc., food, accommodation etc. During the period, the expenditure was at its minimum, the compounder having left service on 5th March and a substitute being appointed on 21-3-45 and the cook and ward boy being part-time workers. A second medical centre with in and out-patient provision and a volunteers' training camp was opened on 3-4-45 at Kanchili near Sompet. A third centre may be opened at a convenient centre in the near future, funds and personnel being available.

My grateful thanks to the peoples' relief committee, for bearing charges incurred for the training and maintenance of the volunteers.

JUBBULPORE BRANCH—The annual general meeting was held at Dr. R. P. Dube's residence on 8-10-44. The statement of accounts was read by Dr. M. G. Harshey, Honorary Secretary, Jubbulpore Medical Association and was passed unanimously.

The following office bearers were elected for 1944-45:

President—Dr. K. L. Bhave, B.SC., M.B.B.S. *Vice Presidents*—Drs. J. H. Clarke, L.M. & S. and Mrs. Mascarenhas, L.M. & S. *Hony Secretary*—Dr P. K. Pradhan, L.M.P. *Hony Jt. Secretary*—Dr. B. P. Awasthi, L.M.P. *Hony. Treasurer*—Dr. N. Halder, B.SC., M.B. *Representative to the Central Council*—Dr. Rai Saheb S. C. Barat, M.B.

Dr. M. G. Harshey entertained the members to high tea.

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Annual Report for year ending September 1944:

Number of members on roll at the beginning of the year—31.

Number of members on roll at the end of the year—38.

New members enrolled during the session—8.

Number of General Meetings—5.

Number of Clinical Meetings—1.

Dr. S. G. Sheorey, read a paper on Dysentery.

The Association arranged a moon-lit-night picnic, at the Jubbulpore Water Works—19 members and Major Dass and Major Indra from the I.M.H. were present.

JALPAIGURI BRANCH—Annual General Meeting held on 30-1-45 Dr. Ramesh Chandra Chakrabarti, M.B. in the chair:

The Joint Honorary Secretary, Dr. S. C. Bhowmick, read the Annual Report of the Session 1943-44:

Number of members at the beginning of the session—55.

Number of members at the end of the session—75.

Number of new enrolments—21.

Number of members struck off from the Register—1.

Total number of meetings held—12.

(*a*) General Meeting 2.

(*b*) Sub-committee meeting for the purpose of organising a Medical Club in the town 1.

(*c*) Scientific meeting 1. Subject—"Amoebic Ulceration of Anal Region". Read by Dr. H. Rahman, B.SC., M.B., Teacher of Medicine, Jackson Medical School, Jalpaiguri.

(*d*) Managing Committee meeeting 8.

Special Activities of the Association:—

(1) Distribution of Govt. Quinine to the local Dispensaries and Pharmacies of this town.

(2) Arrangements with the local authorities about supply of Petrol, Tyres, and Tubes to the Medical Practitioners.

(3) Famine Relief Work.

The Secretary's Annual Report was adopted unanimously.

Election of office-bearers for the session 1944-45:

President—Dr. A. D. Guha Neyogi. *Vice-President*—Dr. R. B. Ghosh. *Jt. Secretaries*—Dr. S C. Bhowmick and Dr. J. C. Ghosh. *Assistant Secretaries*—Dr. J. N. Mitra and Dr. A. Aziz. *Treasurer*—Dr. S. C. Bhowmick. *Auditor*—Dr. R. N. Sen. *Managing Committee*—All office-bearers, Dr. S. K. Sur Roy, Dr. H. Rahman and Dr. G. Roy. *Representative to Provincial Council*—4 Secretaries, Dr. S. S. Majumdar, Dr. R. N. Sen and Dr. S. K. Sur Roy.

Considered the representation made by Dr. P. B. Mitra, L.M.F., and employee of Meenglass Tea Estate to this Association about the matter of his dismissal by the Manager of that Garden on unreasonable and unjustifiable ground. The Secretary placed before the meeting all the papers and correspondence he had with the Manager of the garden in respect to this matter. Be it resolved that the Secretary's action with regard to this be endorsed and the Secretary be authorised to proceed further with this matter after getting a reply of his last letter to Dr. P. B. Mitra and all these papers be placed in the next General meeting of this Branch.

Considered the Circular No. 8/44-45 dated the 16th January, 1945 from the Honorary Secretary, Indian Medical Association mentioning the death of Dr. T. Wells, M.B. of Poona, who died while serving in the Famine Relief Hospital at Goalandaghat (Bengal) responding to the call of Indian Medical Association.

Be it resolved that a substantial amount of money be raised by subscription from the members of this branch in aid of the distressed family of Late Dr. T. Wells. The Chairman of the meeting asked the members present to promise the amount of subscription in the meeting which all the members present agreed.

Dr. J. N. Moitra raised a point of discussion in the meeting complaining that the amount of kerosine oil supplied to the Dispensaries was very insufficient. The Secretary of the Branch was asked to find out the actual requirement of the Pharmacies for the bonafide purpose of dispensing only and to prepare a monthly quota of each dispensary and to move the Deputy Commissioner about it.

It was resolved that a Scientific meeting of this Association should be held every 2 months.

The meeting terminated with serving of tea and light refreshment to the mebers present and a vote of thanks to the chair.

GUNTUR BRANCH—Annual Meeting held at Guntur on 28-2-45 with Dr. Ch. S. John, President, in the chair:

Dr. M. Rangayya of Ellore was the guest of honour.

Dr. (Miss) Margaret Round read a paper on 'Care of the Parturient Woman and her Infant'. Dr. P. Veeriah had shown a patient who was operated by him for a stone in the kidney. The Secretary read a circular from the Central I.M.A. to the effect that medical people should not take retailer's licence under Drugs Control Order of 1943, as it would amount to being a chemist and druggist.

Resolutions thanking the Madras Government and also the Surgeon General for having lifted the ban and enabled their medical officers to join the Indian Medical Association and requesting the Madras Government to found in Andhradesa two medical colleges and two schools of Indian Medicine, one of each at Guntur and also in the Ceded Districts were passed.

The other resolutions were: "In view of the ensuing Krishna Pushkaram and also of the cholera epidemic now raging from Srisailam Shivaratri Festival, besides the already existing epidemic of small-pox and the likely spread of plague from the Kondapalle region, the Public Health Authorities are requested to take immediate effective preventive measures. This Guntur Branch of the I.M.A. offers its full cooperation with the authorities concerned.

This association while emphatically protesting against the attitude of the Bombay University in not admitting Medical Licentiates into the recently instituted diploma courses in Venereology, Dermatology, Ear, Nose, and Throat Diseases, and Anaesthesia requests to amend its regulation, so as to enable the licentiates to specialise in the various subjects and obtain the respective diplomas.'

A Dinner was arranged at the Theosophical Buildings by Dr. G. V. Hanumantharao.

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General Body Meeting (proceedings dated 2-5-45) with Dr. Ch. S. John, President of the branch, in the chair:

It was resolved to create a standing Epidemic Medical Relief Fund of Rs. 1,000/- collected from the members of the profession and the public. It was further resolved to send one doctor to serve in the North Vizag District (expenses not exceeding Rs. 200|- per month be met from the Epidemic Medical Relief Fund of the association). A Sub-Committee was appointed to do the needful to implement the resolutions.

The branch decided to offer honorary services for medical relief work to run one dispensary for the duration of Pushkaram at the Krishnapuri Centre and the District Board President of Guntur was requested to provide necessary quarters besides a fully equipped temporary dispensary with subordinate staff." Dr. G. V. Hanumantha Rao, Secretary of the branch was elected to the Council of the Andhra Provincial Branch, I.M.A. as the fourth representative of the branch for the year 1944-45.

BAGALKOT BRANCH—Summary report of the 3rd Annual Session of the Bagalkot Branch held on 11-2-45:

The session was inaugurated by Mr. Almoula, the Collector of the District and presided over by Dr. S. G. Joshi, M.S., ear, nose and throat specialist of Bombay. A very attractive exhibition was also arranged and opened by Dr. R. N. Karode, M.D., Civil Surgeon of Bijapur.

Dr. Bhagvat, the Hon. Secretary of the Medical Association read the Annual eport and explained the activities of the members. Dr. S. G. Joshi in his presidential speech discussed the points raised by the collector in his inaugural address, and said that the question of rural medical relief can be effectively handled only by Government and not by Medical Associations. Amongst the other points he stressed the importance of standardisation of drugs, necessity of adequate quantity and good quality of rationed foodstuffs, etc. He advised the members of the profession to hold more frequent clinical meetings and build up an uptodate library of reference books; and donated Rs. 240|- to the Bagalkot Branch for the purpose.

In the afternoon Dr. Karode, M.D. and Dr. G. V. Joshi, M.S. from Hubli, demonstrated and spoke on blood transfusion. Dr. S. G. Joshi, M.S. spoke on the common ailments of ear, nose and throat and their treatment in general practice. Dr. B. H. Kamalpur, M.D. from Dharwar spoke on antenatal care, Dr. Patel, M.B.B.S., B.H.Y., D.P.H. (LOND.), D.H.O. Bijapur, spoke on latest advances in medical science and Dr. Lajmi, on present Indian diet. A dinner was arranged in the Municipal Gardens and the gathering dispersed after musical entertainment at night.

BENGAL PROVINCIAL BRANCH—Meeting of the Council held on 15-1-45 with Lt. Col. J. C. De in the chair:

The Secretary moved the following resolution which was passed all standing:—

"Resolved that this meeting of the Bengal Provincial Council of the Indian Medical Association records its deep sense of sorrow at the sad death of Dr. Sarasi Lal Sarkar, Dr. Pramatha Nath Ghosh and Major J.J. A. B. Brachio, and offers its heart-felt sympathy to the members of the bereaved families."

A letter dated 19-12-44 from the President, Hooghly-Chinsura and Chandernagore Branch was considered.

The Council opined that as the dose had been exceeded, it was certainly proper for the prescribing doctor to countersign the particular item of medicine exceeding normal dose. It was certainly discourteous and ungraceful on his part to challenge the legitimate request of the dispensing doctor and to characterise the same as 'nonsense'.

The formation of the Arambagh (Dist. Hooghly) and the Kandara (Dist. Burdwan) branches was recorded.

A letter dated 3-1-45 from the Registrar, Bengal Council of Medical Registration, re: unethical advertisements by some persons of doubtful qualifications, was read before the meeting.

Resolved that the Secretary be authorised to correspond with the Government and the B.C.M.R. on the subject.

The report of the Bengal Medical Relief Committee was read and approved.

Resolved that the Secretary be authorised to forward the resolutions passed at the last Provincial Medical Conference held at Howrah to the proper quarters.

A letter dated 4-1-45 from the Secretary, Jalpaiguri Branch, re: dismissal of a registered doctor from the post of an assistant medical officer in a tea garden was read before the meeting.

The Secretary was asked to correspond with the Managing Agents of the Tea Garden in question and point out to them the desirability and necessity of employing only registered qualified practitioners in industrial concerns where a large number of labourers work.

A letter dated 13-1-45 from the Hony. General Secretary, I.M.A. enclosing full correspondence that pased between the Madras Government and the President of the Association on the subject of Madras Govt. Ban, was read by the Secretary.

Resolved that the correspondence be recorded.

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Meeting of the Council held on 23-3-45:

Circulars No. 10 and 11 dated 22-2-45 from the Hony. General Secretary, I.M.A. were placed before the house.

Circular No. 10: The following report of the Drugs & Medicaments Sub-committee was approved:—

That the letter be recorded and that the Hony. General Secretary, I.M.A. be requested to publish the circular in the official journal of the I.M.A."

Circular No. 11: The following report of the Ethics & Medico-Political Sub-committee regarding this circular was approved:—

"The sub-committee recorded its protest against the resolution of the Working Committee of the I.M.A. passed on 25-12-44 and subsequently confirmed by the Central Council on 27-12-44 recommending ex-officio membership of the Central Council for all members of the Working Committee nominated by the President."

The reports of the following sub-committees were placed before the meeting:—

(*a*) *Drugs and Medicaments Sub-Committee*—This sub-committee considered circular No. 10 dated 22-2-45 from the Hony. General Secretary, I.M.A., as mentioned above.

(*b*) *Ethical and Medico-Political Sub-committee*—This sub-committee considered advertisements of a milk food product which appeared in the lay press, both Vernacular and English, with testimonials from some leading physicians of the city of Calcutta with full particulars of their professional qualifications and status. Thus sub-committee also considered and expressed its opinion on circular No. 11 dated 22-2-45 from the Hony. General Secretary, I.M.A., as mentioned in the minute above.

(*c*) *Medical Education and Hospital Sub-Committee*—This sub-commitee submitted an ad interim report which was recorded.

(*d*) *Nutrition Sub-Committee*—This sub-committee met on 14-3-45 and submitted its preliminary report which was read before the meeting, and was recorded.

(*e*) *Medical and Public Health Sub-committee*—This sub-committee met once but was not in a position to submit any report as only the preliminaries were discussed.

A letter dated 19-3-45 from the Secretary, Barisal Branch, embodying its opinion on General Secretary's circular No. 11 dated 22-2-45, was read.

Resolved that the letter be recorded.

A letter dated 21-3-45 from the Secretary, Gushkara Branch, enclosing a copy of a resolution passed by the Executive Committee of the branch at its meeting held on 25-2-45, was read. The Council endorsed the resolutions and agreed with the suggestions made therein.

A letter dated 16-3-45 from the Jt. Hony. Secretary, I.M.A. (Central) re: use of Association Hall on 1-4-45 and 2-4-45 for holding meetings of the Working Committee and the Central Council, was read.

The Council endorsed the reply sent by the Secretary.

A letter dated 21-3-45 from Dr. P. K. Guha forwarding a copy of resolution to be moved by him at the next meeting of the Central Council, was considered.

The Council lent its support to the resolution sponsored by Dr. Guha and resolved that the powers should not be delegated to the Working Committee and that the Working Committee as formed and functioning at present, should be dissolved.

RAWALPINDI BRANCH—Annual meeting held on 4-3-45 with Dr. R. L. Talwar in the chair.

Dr. Dongrey, Medical Superintendent, Gulab Devi Tuberculosis Hospital spoke on Management of Tuberculosis in General Practice.

Dr. B. L. Kapur, President met the association as Provincial President. He discussed with the members the importance of bringing every doctor into the fold of the association, looking into the health problems of the city and also patiently listened to suggestions of our branch for the uplift of the association.

Then Dr. B. L. Kapur gave a lecture on the 28 days cycle and its significance.

There was music at intervals and the meeting concluded with a dinner.

AJMER-MERWARA BRANCH—Annual General Meeting held on 20-12-44, at the Association Room with R.S. Dr. Suraj Narain in the chair:

The accounts and annual report for the year 1944 were read and passed.

Number of members at the beginning of the year—31. Number of members at the end of the year—32.

At the clinical meetings held the following gentlemen spoke on the subjects mentioned against their names:—R.S. Dr. R. R. Shukla—Triphala and its various uses. Dr. S. D. Ahuja—Cerebrospinal fever. Dr. Jyoti Prakash—Cysticirus cellulosæ in the brain and other parts. Major Hassett—Tendon Transplantation. Dr. R. A. Heatley—Diphtheria.

The following office-bearers were elected:—President—Major Hasset, Civil Surgeon, Ajmer-Merwara. Vice-Presidents—Dr. (Miss) MacMillian, Dr. R. A. Heatley. Hony. Secretary—Dr. S. P. Sen. Hony. Jt. Secretary—R.S. Dr. R. R. Shukla. Treasurer—Dr. M. L. Bhargava. Auditor—Dr. M. K. Sarda. Representative to the Central Council—Dr. S. P. Sen. Members Executive Committee—Dr. S. D. Ahuja, R. S. Dr. Suraj Narain, Dr. G.R. Pinto, Dr. M. L. Bhattacharjee and Dr. M. L. Bagh.

MADURA BRANCH—The 17th Annual Conference of the Madura Medial Association, Branch of the I.M.A. held on 24-5-45 at the premises of the Union Club with Dr. P. N. Ramasubramaniam, B.A., M.B.B.S., in the chair:

The functions began at about 9 a.m. with chotta, kindly provided by the Indian Health Institute and Laboratory Ltd.

Dr. P. N. Ramasubramaniam opened the Exhibition of pharmaceutial products. Then the President and the members went round the stalls.

The following office-bearers for the year 1945-46 were elected:—President—Rao Saheb Dr. A. Narayana Menon. Vice-President—Dr. R. Devadoss. Hony. Secretary—Dr. A. K. Rajagopalan. Hony. Treasurer—Dr. M. S. Yegnanarayanan.

Members of the Governing-body—Drs. (Miss) M. Paul, M. V. Natesan, N. Suryanarayanan, K. S. Narayanan, R. Ananthanarayanan and T. S. Venketraman. Representatives to the Central Council—Rao Sahib Dr. A. Narayana Menon and Dr. A. K. Rajagopalan. Representatives to the Provincial Council—Drs. K. Balakrishnan, T. V. Venkatasan and M. V. Natasan. Collaborator to the Journal of I.M.A.—Dr. S. Kanthimathinathan.

KISTNA DT. BRANCH—Monthly meeting held on 24-2-45 in the High School Buildings, Pamarru, with Dr. K. V. Subbarao, L.M. & S., President, in the chair:

Tea was served at 6-45 p.m. Dr. V. Lakshmidoss, M.B.B.S., of Pamarru was the host of the day.

A resolution "to invite the Andhra Provincial Council to Masulipatam in March or April, as per their convenience and to have their monthly meeting at Masulipatam" was passed.

The Clinical meeting then began when Dr. V. Lakshmidoss of Pamarru demonstrated a case of amœbic abscess liver which was treated by emetine, aspirated and finally operated upon and drained. He discussed the differential diagnosis of the case. Next he discussed the case of a woman with history of metrorrhagia and painful micturition. The cause was due to the introduction of foreign bodies (broom sticks) into the uterus and also bladder. Dr. P. Seshagiri Rao of Gudivada discussed in detail the treatment and clinical features of a case of phagedenic ulcer penis. Dr. N. Rama Rao read notes of his own complaint (peritonitis?—due to perforated duodenal ulcer).

Dr. R. Achuta Ramayya demonstrated a case of "Parotid Fistula" and talked about its treatment.

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Monthly meeting held on 31-3-45 in the Association office (Dr. J. V. R. Sarma's Dispensary) Masulipatam with Dr. K. V. Subbarao, L.M. & S., President, in the chair:

Tea was served at 6-30 p.m.

The following resolution was passed unanimously. "This Association records its appreciation of the action of the Government of Madras on its wise decision in removing the ban (G.O. No. Ms. 1472) P.H., dated 23-5-44, which prohibited the Government Medical Officers from being members of the Indian Medical Association or taking part in the activities of the Association."

The clinical meeting then began when Dr. J. V. R. Sarma, M.B.B.S. & L.O., demonstrated a case of developmental cataract in a child six months old. He dealt with the pathology, and differential diagnosis and treatment of the case.

Dr. K. V. . Sastry, M.B.B.S., presented notes of a case of infective granuloma of penis which he had occasion to treat in the early stages and follow up the later treatment in K. G. Hospital, Vizag.

Dr. R. Achutaramayya, M.B.B.S., demonstrated a case of angioma scalp and discussed the differential diagnosis.

Dr. J. Jaganndham, M.B.B.S. reported two cases of cirrhosis of liver in the early stages.

The members had dinner at 9 p.m.

BHAVNAGAR BRANCH—Office-bearers for 1944-45: President—Dr. H. A. Ghoghawala, L.C.P.S. Vice-President—(Miss) M. E. DeSouza, M.B.B.S. Secretaries—Dr. Ajit M. Oza, M.B.B.S. and Dr. K. R. Doshi, M.B.B.S. Treasurer—Dr. D. K. Kothari, M.B.B.S. Auditor—Dr. Kantaben Patel, L.C.P.S. Managing Committee—Drs. G. R. Vohra, Chairman, M. M. Mehta, A. V. Dabe and J. M. Shah.

The branch arranged a tea-party to welcome Dr. Jivraj N. Mehta, the President of the I.M.A. on 7-2-45 where the Chief Medical Officer of the State and other State-doctors were invited. Dr. J. Mehta appealed to close up ranks and throw open the membership of the Union to State employees.

Clinical meetings held during the first three months of the year were as follows:—

(1) 7th January, 1945—My Experiences in Homœopathic Treatment by Dr. G. R. Vohra, L.M. & S. (2) 1st Feb., 1945—Scabies by Dr. H. S. Trivedi, L.C.P.S. (3) 13th March, 1945—Common Eruptive Fevers by Dr. A. V. Dave, M.B.B.S.

AURANGABAD BRANCH—Meeting held on 4-4-45 under the presidentship of Dr. L. M. Khatri:

Dr. P. Ramchandar, an eye-specialist of Hyderabad delivered a lecture on "Common eye diseases in general practice". He also demonstrated cases of entropion, trachoma, congenital cataract, etc. This was followed by few questions by Dr. Shroff and Dr. Ansari about trachoma, phlyctens, and local use of sulphanilamides.

RAMNAD BRANCH—Meetings held in the Swedish Mission Hospital, Tirupattar, on 24-3-45 under the presidentship of Dr. T. S. Shetty. The staff of the S. M. Hospital entertained the members to a sumptuous tea.

Dr. Shetty then welcomed Dr. F. Y. Sander who had recently returned from home. Cases of (1) Black cataract, (2) Encephalitis lethargica, (3) Lupus and (4) Totty's operation for dacryocystitis were demonstrated.

This was followed by a lecture on "Recent experiences of Surgical Treatment of Bronchial Tuberculosis" by Dr. F. Y. Sander.

HOOGLY - CHINSURAH - CHANDERNAGORE BRANCH—Adjourned annual general meeting held on 31-1-45 at Barasat Chandernagore with Dr. D. N. Dhar, Vice-President of the association, in the chair:

Dr. K. C. Mallik Joint Hony. Secretary read the annual report for 1943-44.

There was to start with 32 members on roll as against 31 in the previous year. During the course of the session six more were enlisted making the total strength 38. There were 13 general meetings.

The Treasurer placed before the meeting the accounts of 1943-44 after audit by Dr. A. Das which were passed.

The following office-bearers were elected for 1944-45: President—Capt. R. Sinha. Vice-Presidents—Drs. D. N. Dhar and A. Dass. Jt. Hony. Secretary—Drs. S. C. Guha, and S. Sett. Hony Treasurer—Dr. M. M. Chatterjee. Members—Drs. M. L. Rakshit, J. Sreemany, Capt. J. C. Dey, Ram Ch. Konar, S. C. Ghose, K. C. Mallik and L. M. Paul. Auditor—Dr. B. C. Seal. Representative to Central Council—Dr. J. Sreemany. Representative to Bengal Provincial Branch—Drs. Subodh Roy, S. Sett, K. C. Mallik and B. C. Seal.

Committee accepted with thanks the offer of Capt. R. Sinha the sum of Rs. 100 as donation for appointing a clerk.

Resolved that the Treasurer be empowered to open a Savings Bank Account with the Chinsurah Branch of the Hooghly Bank Ltd. in the name of the Indian Medical Association, Hooghly-Chinsurah-Chandernagore Branch, which would be operated by the Treasurer.

Resolved further that the Secretary be requested to make necessary arrangements for opening the accounts.

SHIKARPUR BRANCH—Special meeting of the members to condole the death of Dr. Bhagwandas J. Devidasani, M.B.B.S., Vice-President of the Branch held on 3-3-45:

The following resolution was passed:

Resolved unanimously that this meeting deeply mourns the untimely and sudden death of Dr. Bhagwandas J. Devidasani and conveys its heartfelt condolence to the members of his bereaved family. Dr. Bhagwandas was the most popular and a kind-hearted and generous doctor. He was one of the most prominent and public-spirited citizens and his services to the ailing humanity and to Shikarpur as a whole are unrivalled.

May God give peace to his soul!

LYALLPUR BRANCH—Annual general meeting held on 9-11-44 with Dr. Sri Ram in the chair:

The following were elected office-bearers for 1944-45:—

President—Dr. Rajinder Singh Sandhu. *Vice-President*—Dr. K. N. Kapur. *Secretary*—Dr. A. Samad. *Representative to Provincial Council*—Dr. S. S. Nijhawan. *Representative to Central Council*—Dr. Mohammad Nawaz.

MORADABAD BRANCH—Annual meeting held on 12-10-44 with Dr. B. N. Sharma, M.B.B.S. in the chair:

The following office bearers were elected for 1944-45:

President—Dr. K. B. Dikshit, M.B.B.S. *Vice-President*—Dr. R. P. Vaish, M.B.B.S. *Secretary*—Dr. Hans Raj, M.B.B.S. *Jt. Secretary*—Dr. J. S. Rastogi, M.B.B.S. *Treasurer*—Dr. K. K. Goyal. *Auditor*—Dr. V. P. Rastogi.

Members of the Executive—Drs. A. K. Bhattacharya, M.B.B.S., R. K. Mathur, M.B.B.S., D.PH., A. A. Haji, L.M.P., B. N. Sharma, M.B.B.S., M. G. Bhatnagar.

Representative to the Central Council—Dr. B. N. Sharma, M.B.B.S. *Representatives to the Provincial Council*—Dr. J. S. *Agarwala*, M.B.B.S., Dr. Hans Raj, M.B.B.S.

WEST GODAVARY DT. BRANCH—The Second Annual Conference was held at Palakol on 28-1-45. Delegates from all over the district and distinguished visitors from the neighbouring districts attended. The business meeting presided over by Dr. V. Venkataratnam, M.B.B.S. commenced with welcome to the delegates by Dr. C. Suryaprakasam, president of the Reception Committee. The following new office bearers for the year 1945-46 were elected: President—Dr. V. Venkataratnam. Vice-Presidents—Dr. G. Subba Raju and Dr. Y. Suryanarayana and Dr. N. Kutumbarao. General Secretary—Dr. R. N. Raju. Joint-Secretaries—Dr. C. Rangarao, Dr. A. P. Gopalam and Dr. Bh. V. L. Narasimha Raju. Representatives to the Provincial Council—Dr. R. N. Raju, Dr. V. Narasimha Rao and Dr. T. S. Satyanarayana. All the Managing Committee members of the previous year were re-elected.

At 2 p.m. the Andhra Provincial Council of the I.M.A. met with Dr. P. Gurumurty as president. The meeting considered the preliminary report of the President and Dr. M. V. Krishnarao, who recently toured the famine stricken areas in the North Vizag District on the existing health conditions there and proposed to start a Camp Hospital at Naupada for training health volunteers. Later in the evening at a public meeting, they appealed to the Public and the profession for the liberal contributions for "The North Vizag Medical Relief Fund."

The Scientific Section met with Dr. Veerayya Chaudary, L.M.S., of Guntur as president. The following interesting subjects were discussed:—

1. Acute lymphatic leukaemia—A case report and demonstration of blood film. By Dr. R. N. Raju, M.B.B.S. Podur.
2. Cerebral malaria complicated by acute suppurative parotitis—Demonstration of the patient & malignant tertian parasites in the blood film. By Dr. P. Ramarao, M.B.B.S. Podur.
3. Contusion of the chest wall & right lung with concurrent aortic regurgitation—Demonstration of the patient. By Dr. P. Ramarao, M.B.B.S. Podur.
4. Amoebic Caecum—A case report by Dr. C. Suryaprakasam, L.M.S. Palakol.
5. Delayed Chloroform Poisoning—A case report by Dr. P. Satyanarayana, L.M.P., Palakol.
6. (*a*) Kahn-Test—Demonstration of its technique and its value in diagnosis and treatment of syphilis. By Dr. A. P. Gopalam, L.M.P. Palakol.

(*b*) Microfilaria in a 4 years child—Demonstration of the case.

7. Subphrenic abscess—A paper with review of cases. By Dr. P. Veerayya Chowdary, L.M.S. Guntur.